

Worship in the Pandemic Green Phase

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When: Some period of time *after* the state moves Lancaster County to the Pandemic Green Phase.

Times: Sunday Morning Services - 8:30 a.m. Traditional
11:00 a.m. Contemporary

Sunday School - 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Sunday School for all adult ages in appropriate rooms
Children's classes per age

Worship:

- A. In person worship when the state extends indoor capacity up to 50% occupancy. The maximum number the sanctuary holds while still maintaining social distancing using the designated seating locations is 75 congregants. Overflow will be in Fellowship Hall, with a maximum amount of people in Fellowship hall being 50.
 - B. In person worship when the state allows gatherings indoors of up to 25. Gatherings of 25 people will be allowed in the sanctuary with the same number watching a live stream in fellowship hall. Smaller gatherings watching live streaming will be located in rooms 3-4 and in The Well/choir room.
- Maintain current streaming platforms for all who may want to worship at home.
- Musicians will practice social distancing.
- Designated seating locations will be identified.
- Offering will be collected in stationary baskets at the entrance and exit of sanctuary.
- Communion will be prepared and placed in each individual pew ahead of time.
- The liturgy and announcements will be displayed on the screen. All other items will be removed from the pews.
- Masks will be required for all attending 2 years old or older
- Congregants will be asked to consider the following questions before they come to church, and if they answer in the affirmative, they should remain at home:
 1. Are you currently experiencing any of the following symptoms? Fever, cough, shortness of breath?
 2. In the last 14 days have you tested positive for Covid 19 or have you been tested and are awaiting results?
 3. Have you been in contact with anyone who tested positive for Covid 19 or is awaiting results?
- Doors should be left open to facilitate ambient air and cross winds, even during times of air conditioning.
- Pastor Bob and the musicians will be a minimum of 20 feet distance from the first row of worshippers.
- The cleaning service will continue routine cleaning of the building.

13. Sunday school will be offered to small groups of children in adequately sized rooms so that social distancing can be encouraged. Children will be required to wear masks if they are over the age of 2. If deemed safe, windows should be opened for cross ventilation. Children will be encouraged to clean hands often, with hand sanitizer or soap and water before, during and after Sunday School.
14. Nursery will be offered.
15. Children's church will be offered.
16. Adult classes will meet as regular but in rooms large enough to accommodate social distancing.
17. Signs will be posted throughout the building: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs-11x17-en.pdf>

Logistics:

1. After each service frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected to prepare for the next service.
2. If a person is known to have been in church and then subsequently is diagnosed with Covid 19 each person who came in to contact with that person will be notified. The infected persons will remain anonymous.
3. Standing non touch sanitation stations will be set up throughout the church in places of high traffic.

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<https://www.cdc.gov/>

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