

Return to Sanctuary Worship Plan (Resuming September 13, 2020)

Entering the Building:

- Due to the new processes that we are required to follow, you are asked to allow for extra time to enter the building and make your way to a seat in the sanctuary. Please be patient as there may be delays and line-ups.
- Everyone will be asked to enter the building through the Front/ Hartz Hall doors. The door will be unlocked at 10:00am. There will be temporary Handicapped parking signs put out on Ratchford St.
- Upon entering the building people will be asked to sanitize their hands and wear a mask. Then you may follow the markings on the floor (6 feet apart) into Burgess Hall. Please bring any jackets or personal belongings with you.
- In Burgess Hall there will be two tables set up with Welcomers who will take down your name and phone number (so that contact tracing can happen if needed later).

Sitting in the Pews:

- It is likely that social distancing will still be required when we resume worship in-person. In the sanctuary, pews and/or the floor will be marked to help indicate where you can sit. Please do not sit directly behind or in front of others and to allow 6 feet between any non-household members on the same pew.
- There will be Ushers to assist you if need help finding an available seat.
- The balcony will be closed for the time being.
- When finding a pew to sit in, please do not stop to gather in groups, shake hands or hug others.
- Cushions will not be available to sit upon as we have no way of cleaning them between uses. If you require a cushion, please bring one from home.
- You will be asked to exit the sanctuary one row at a time beginning at the back and moving forward.

Worship Bulletins: We will refrain from printing paper bulletins and instead opt for having all worship information on Power Point. We will also make a bulletin /announcements downloadable from the website and/or distributed via e-mail.

Coffee Time: Due to the inherent risk of serving coffee/tea after worship, this tradition will be discontinued for the time being but we hope to develop other forms of gathering safely during the week.

Offering: Will continue to be dropped in plates at the back of the sanctuary before being seated. Counters will take precautions when handling and counting money.

Music:

- There may be a choir of 15 or less people spaced 6 feet apart, masked for rehearsals and worship.
- There will be no congregational singing as this increases the risk of spread. It is permissible to hum along.
- You can stand during hymns as a way of feeling more present in these musical moments.

Sacraments: Communion and Baptism will not be offered until it is safe to do so.

Cleanliness of Space:

- To reduce the amount of cleaning we will be removing hymnbooks, Bibles and cushions from pews.
- We will wash down pews every week. Sanitize all door handles, chairs, light switches and other high contact surfaces.
- We will place sanitizing spray in each bathroom and ask that you spray down and wipe with a paper towel the toilet and sink after you use it. Washrooms will be cleaned thoroughly before and after Sunday morning worship.

Signage:

You will find information posted about COVID symptoms, how to access public health, social distancing, mask wearing, proper hand washing, etc. Posters will be at the entrance and around the building, where needed.

Other user Groups: We need to develop plans with our individual user groups before they can access the building. Plans must cover how the space will be cleaned and what measures the group will put in place to ensure that distancing and other provincial health regulations will be maintained.

**Note: This plan may be subject to change as a result of subsequent guidelines from health authorities.*