

## **Reopening Guidelines**

**Phase One:** Live worship services to begin June 7th adhering to the following phase one guidelines while still offering online services to those who are hesitant to attend for any reason.

### Prepare Our House of Worship:

#### **Cleaning and Sanitizing:**

1. Janarus, our janitorial service, have continued to implement cleaning and disinfection practices since their services began in June 2019. In addition to the excellent cleaning and sanitizing they have been conducting, we have requested of Janarus to implement additional protocols to reduce the spread of the virus.
  - A. Janarus uses a hospital grade disinfectant (Sniper) to clean our facility. They are continuing to focus on high-traffic areas and high-touch areas to include all door knobs/handles and restrooms.
  - B. Our church pews will also be misted with this same solution on Monday nights to reduce the spread of any potential virus.

#### **Proposed Phase One Guidelines for Attendees:**

1. Social distancing between household to include in sanctuary seating will be requested by all attendees. We ask that families sit together and do their best to maintain a respectable distance between themselves and a neighboring family sharing the pew.
2. The following items will be removed from the Sanctuary to reduce potential transmission of the virus: hymnals, Bibles, prayer request cards, envelopes, pencils/pens, and tissue boxes. Song inserts will be included in the weekly bulletins. Prayer requests can be emailed to Brother John or Brother Taylor and verbal requests can also be received during the worship service. Tissues, hand sanitizer and trash receptacles will be available in the Narthex. We will additionally continue not to shake hands after service.
3. We will eliminate any passing of registration pads, offering plates and communion supplies. We will offer collection stations at the back of the Sanctuary and monitored upon entering and exiting the sanctuary. Communion will be altered for limited contact with pre-packaged peel-top communion. (We will continue to offer at-home practice of the sacrament of communion as done during previous communion service.)
4. People will be asked to proceed only out the back doors of the sanctuary and to not gather in the lobby, but rather move out the exiting doors and to initiate socializing outside in open space. This will be a measure to decrease mass gathering in a small area. Elders and ushers will assist procession in and out of the sanctuary as we try to follow a new process.

#### **Recommendations for Phase One Guidelines:**

1. Strongly encourage our congregants who are in the vulnerable population to continue to use discernment on choosing to attend or worship online.
2. Remind people who are sick or have been exposed to not attend in-person gatherings and participate virtually instead.

#### **Additional Amenities for Phase One Reopening:**

1. Post signs to remind people to wash their hands and practice social distancing (e.g. restrooms).
2. Make sure there is soap and/or hand sanitizer to make it easy for people to access and use often.
3. Face coverings help reduce the spread and reception of any airborne germs. Attendees that choose to wear one are supported in doing so.

**Phase Two (Date TBD):**

1. Young children's activities (below 6<sup>th</sup> grade), nursery programs, Sunday School, Choir, Worship and Wonder, and Coffee and Donuts fellowship will not gather during phase one. A reopening of additional practices will be reviewed at a later date.

**Additional:**

If we learn that a member of our congregation tests positive for COVID-19, we will consult CDC guidelines and local health department recommendations to determine whether we should immediately cease in-person gatherings, close for additional cleaning, or otherwise change our protocols.