

June 25, 2020

Dear New Covenant Family

After sixteen weeks away from our normal setting, the elder board is happy to announce that we'll be meeting back inside for worship this coming Sunday, June 28th at 10:00 am. Thank you for so patiently adapting to the different forms our service has taken over the last four months, first with recordings on YouTube, and then with outdoor services on the church grounds. Incidentally, since our outdoor services have been so well received, the elders will likely investigate meeting outside again from time to time.

While many of us will welcome the return to our sanctuary, meeting indoors does come with an increased risk of illness. The elder board recognizes that many still have serious concerns about public gatherings. So, please attend our indoor services only if you are comfortable doing so! For those who don't attend in person, our service will still be recorded and available on our website and Podbean by Sunday afternoon.

We've taken several precautions to resume our indoor service as safely as possible, including cleaning the church building, marking off every other row in the sanctuary to promote social distancing, opening the fellowship hall for overflow seating (with a video feed from the service), providing hand sanitizer at both entrances, ventilating the building as much as possible, and limiting physical contact with shared objects (offering plates, bulletins, etc.).

Further, I'd like to remind you of these previous guidelines that we would still like our church family to follow:

- If you are an older person with underlying, at-risk health conditions, please remain at home until the risk to your health has subsided.
- If you are not feeling well, running a fever or have a cough, please stay at home.
- Please do not shake hands or hug and make sure you maintain six feet of distance.
- No coffee will be served. Please feel free to bring your own coffee from home.
- There will be no Sunday school or nursery.
- Please sit in clusters with your family to minimize risk to others.
- We ask that your small children remain with you at all times. We understand the challenge of having a small child sit in one place for an hour. Our goal is that the service would be reverent in worship but casual in atmosphere. Parents, please feel free to bring blankets, strollers, toys, snacks, books, or whatever your child needs to make it a more comfortable experience. (Our fellowship hall might be the best place for your young family to spread out.)
- Please utilize the hand sanitizer provided for you.

Allow me to stress that this Sunday's indoor service is for those who feel comfortable attending.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and for following these precautions. I look forward to seeing you in person this Sunday!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob