

Here's what you need to know:

- We want you to worship with us. We believe worship is of paramount importance to your spiritual life.
- Any of the aforementioned ways of worship (in-person, drive-in, or live-streaming) are wonderful choices. You do not have to attend in-person services if you are in the at-risk group or feel vulnerable. Choose the one that gives you the most peace. Not that you need my permission, but you have my permission to not “come inside” if you’re not ready.
- If you feel unwell or have symptoms such as fever, please stay at home and utilize our live-stream.
- The current protocol for COVID-19 exposure is a mandatory 14 day self-quarantine. If an attendee gets diagnosed, you may have to quarantine yourself. If that’s an unacceptable risk, please utilize our live-stream or drive-in option.
- We want you to wear masks.
- We ask that you enter by the sanctuary door only. This assists us in honoring the worshipping experience of the drive-in church service.
- Please practice distancing as you enter. Wait on an usher to direct your family into the sanctuary. In the case of rain, we will transition to entering by the northwest entrance.
- Ushers will open the doors for those in attendance.
- We will have pews marked “8:45” and “11:00.” Please follow the ushers’ guidance and only sit on a pew for your labeled service. This helps us with disinfecting between services. It also ensures that you won’t be sitting on soft surfaces where someone else previously sat.
- We will disinfect hard surfaces between worship services.
- Depending upon the attendance, we may have to split the worshipping congregation. Staff will be available to facilitate worship in both areas. Should you be asked to move to the fellowship hall, please be gracious. Remember that our main goal is to worship with other believers. The location can be fluid.
- We will sing in the services, but I will encourage those without masks to refrain from singing.
- All of the hymnals, Bibles, pencils, envelopes, and attendance pads have been removed from the pews. No bulletins will be distributed. All readings and words will be available on the projection screens.
- Offering plates will be placed at the door in order to receive your tithes and gifts as you depart. No plates will be passed.
- We will dismiss worship in rows/family groups. We are asking that you not congregate or “hang around”. This will help us to limit crowds and transition easier between worship offerings.
- Our bathrooms are available for emergencies only.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance.
- Do not hug or shake hands. Keep appropriate distance. It is difficult to refuse those acts of courtesy and affection when some- one else initiates. The responses to our survey suggest that people who are planning to attend wish for this to be emphasized.
- There will be no fellowship time during our worship services.
- Communion will be served the first Sunday of month. You are welcome not to receive if this makes you uncomfortable. We will receive by small cups and individual wafers. Pat and I will distribute the elements with masks and gloves. This will limit contact with the elements. We will serve congregants in the pew. If you feel unsafe, you are welcome to bring elements from home that can be blessed at the same time as the other elements or refrain from communion.
- No nursery will be provided. We ask that nursery rooms only be used for emergencies. I assure you that we love children in our congregation. If your little one squirms or makes noise, it is a blessing to our congregation. Let them enjoy worshipping with us. If you feel judged by someone because of your little ones squirming or noise, please let me know so that I can publicly shame that person. I’m only slightly kidding.