



May 28, 2020

Hello SCWC family!

It has been a long 10 weeks that the church has not met together physically during this time of dealing with Covid-19. Thank you for your patience during this time and we trust you are safe and healthy.

With great anticipation, we now find ourselves at the point of exploring re-opening the church to live services in our sanctuary! A task force was formed to research the very best practices which might allow you a comfortable environment to come and worship, which is so important to the body of believers. A date has been selected of Sunday, June 7th, 2020 @ 10 AM for this re-opening.

It is realized that some will be comfortable returning right away, and some may choose to remain at home for a longer period of time. Either decision is totally understood and please know you are loved and needed in the body of Christ at SCWC with either choice you might make.

With much prayer and consideration, the following is an outline of what has taken place to prepare, and what practices are currently in place for a re-opening. Please be aware changes may take place with improvements in the future as we navigate this course, and/or as Covid-19 guidelines change or restrictions lessen.

Current Procedures for live services:

1. The church will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected prior to June 7th and each week after.
2. An ozonics machine will also be used in the church prior to and after services to additionally disinfect.
3. It is our plan to offer a **“touch free service”**. There may be greeters, but there will be no hugs, elbow bumps or shaking of hands. Social distancing of 6 ft. is strongly encouraged and will be practiced by any greeters, staff, or hosts. Entrance/Exit doors will be propped open. There will be no bulletins handed out, no pens available, and no coffee or communion served. Please bring your own water as the water fountain will not be available.
4. Chairs in the sanctuary have been placed in different size groups, a distance apart to allow for social distancing. Chairs will be available to be added for families that need more seats in a group setting.
5. There will be no nursery or children’s church. Families are asked to sit together. Some materials (coloring sheets) might be provided for the children or you may bring along your own if you wish. A part of the service will be geared to our kids, and please know that our service will be totally kid friendly.
6. An extra classroom or two will be provided for those who might like to further distance themselves from others. A live feed of the service will be provided in these areas.
7. Rest rooms will be open with an attendant assisting in limiting numbers in at one time. If rest room use is needed for children, it is encouraged that parents attend with the children.
8. The wearing of masks is strongly encouraged if you are medically able. We understand this is difficult for small children. Greeters and hosts will wear masks or face shields. Once seated

you may remove your mask if desired, but please re-engage the mask when moving about the sanctuary, going to the restroom facilities or when departing.

9. Hand sanitizers will be available at different stations around the church, at the entrance, rest rooms, sanctuary, etc. You can bring your own from home if you are more comfortable with that.
10. The entering and exiting of the services will be managed by greeters, staff and hosts to allow for safe social distancing practices.

Continued practices for those who might remain at home:

1. Online Facebook live services will continue each Sunday.
2. A Zoom Meeting "Coffee Time" @ 9:45 am will continue allowing you to chat with others before the service begins and see the service as well. Thank you Darlene and Connie, and this is a great option for those who do not have Facebook.

If you would like more information about Zoom, go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) or call the church office for help. 616-696-3229 Ext. 1. To engage in the Zoom worship service the Zoom ID and password can be obtained through email when requested.

These measures may seem over the top for some, and not enough for others. Again, it is our goal to allow for ease of worship with these precautions and give full disclosure so you can decide when you are comfortable in returning.

As we journey together through the current challenges of Coronavirus, let us enjoy the love we have for each other and celebrate this opportunity to come together again in God's house of worship.

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6 NIV

God Bless,

SCWC Re-opening Task Force
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