



September 28, 2020

Beloved in Christ,

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent survey as the SJLC Worship & Celebration Ministry Team works to lead us in finding the best ways to be gathered for weekly worship in-person and online in the coming days. We continue to navigate uncertain times with a certain hope of God's faithful loving-kindness surrounding us. Members of the Property Resource Team and Hospitality & Congregational Care Ministry Teams worked with Staff and medical personnel to draft the survey and analyze the results. We are working to listen to the 200+ of you that filled out the surveys as we balance worship opportunities alongside other ministries (Sunday School, Confirmation, and Preschool and Childcare Center) that all fulfill our mission of "Joyfully taking God's love into the world."

We want you to see the diverse responses of your fellow SJLC'ers and to give you the chance to notice things you may be asked to help clarify in future communications and surveys. And we hope you celebrate with us what a great body of God's children that have been gathered here to share our many gifts and to express ourselves in a variety of ways (an opportunity many congregations honestly don't have). Any names that were included in responses have been removed from these survey results.

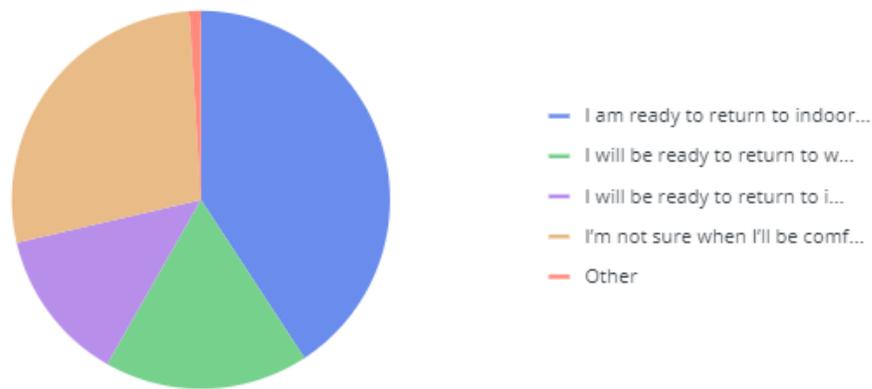
Please consider responding to the future survey in October coming your way in which we hope to gather more information for future worship opportunities.

In Christ,

Pastor Brian

1) With the above safety guidelines in mind, please indicate which of the following statements best describes your willingness to return to indoor worship (check only one box).

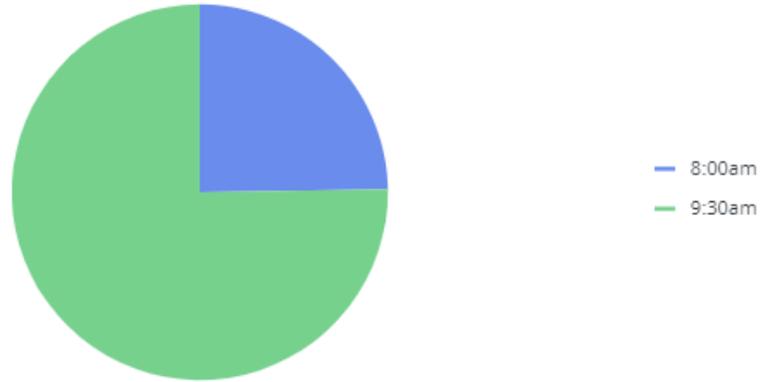
206 Responses



ANSWERS	RESPONSES
I am ready to return to indoor worship immediately.	84 (41%)
I will be ready to return to worship when Black Hawk County has a downward trend of cases for 14 days.	36 (17%)
I will be ready to return to indoor worship only when an effective treatment or vaccine is widely available.	27 (13%)
I'm not sure when I'll be comfortable returning to indoor worship.	57 (28%)
Other	2 (1%)

2) Service time regularly attended prior to the pandemic (check one).

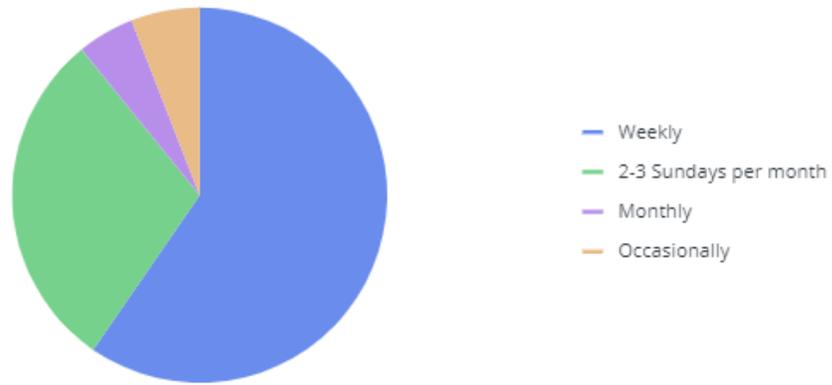
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
8:00am	50 (25%)
9:30am	152 (75%)

3) How often did you participate in worship at SJLC Pre-COVID?

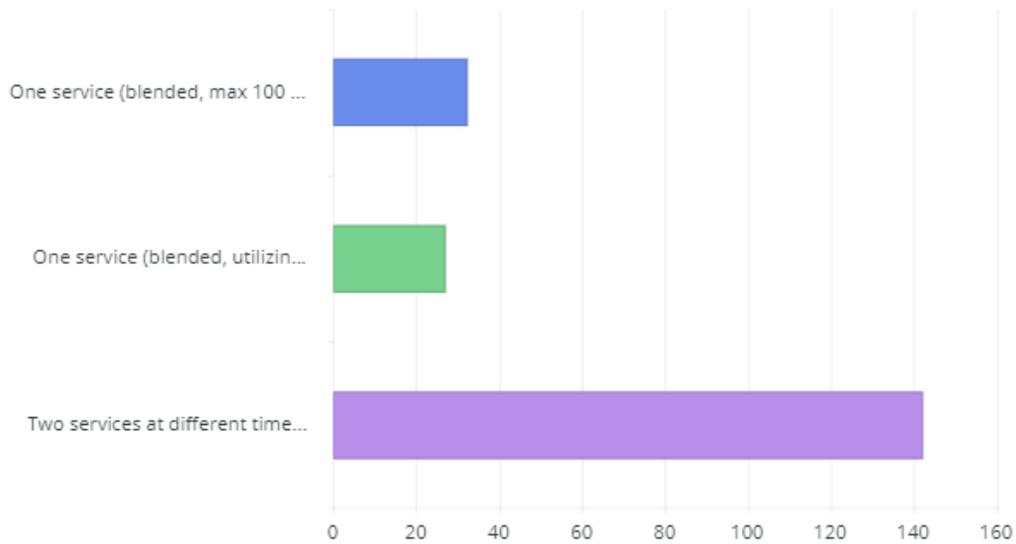
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
Weekly	121 (60%)
2-3 Sundays per month	60 (30%)
Monthly	10 (5%)
Occasionally	12 (6%)

4) If St. John made the decision that it was safe to worship indoors which service scenario would you be most likely to attend? (select 1 or 2)

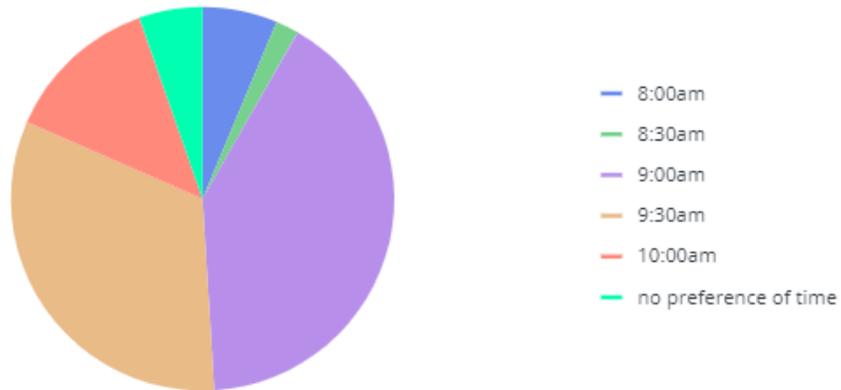
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
One service (blended, max 100 people in the space).	32 (16%)
One service (blended, utilizing both the sanctuary and FLC, conducted in person in one space and livestreamed to the other space, with about 190 people in the building).	27 (14%)
Two services at different times (blended, max 100 people at each service)	48 (24%)
Two services at different times (one traditional and one contemporary, max 100 at each service).	142 (72%)

5a) If St. John had ONE service, what time should that service be held? Please pick your #1 preference

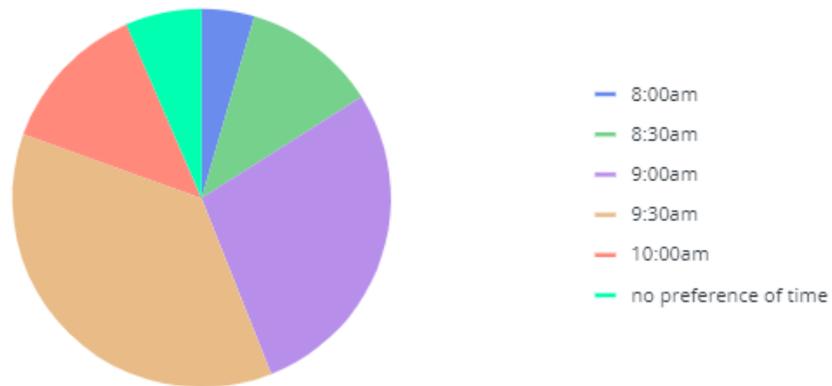
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
8:00am	13 (6%)
8:30am	4 (2%)
9:00am	84 (41%)
9:30am	67 (33%)
10:00am	27 (13%)
no preference of time	11 (5%)

5b) If St. John had ONE service, please pick your #2 time preference (different than the previous answer)

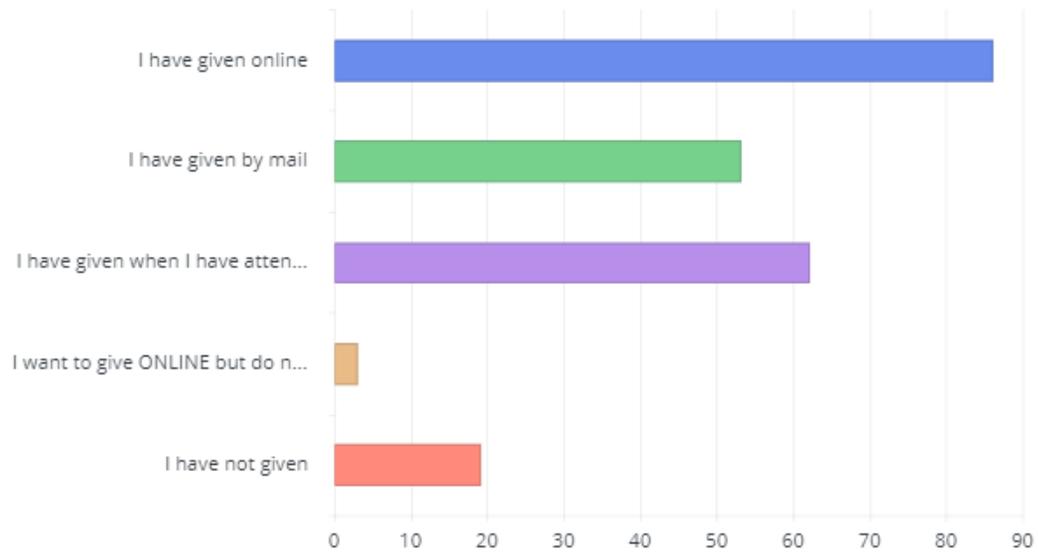
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
8:00am	9 (5%)
8:30am	23 (12%)
9:00am	56 (28%)
9:30am	73 (37%)
10:00am	26 (13%)
no preference of time	13 (7%)

6) Regarding financial generosity, what has been your approach to giving to support the ministries and work of St. John the past six months? (check all that apply)

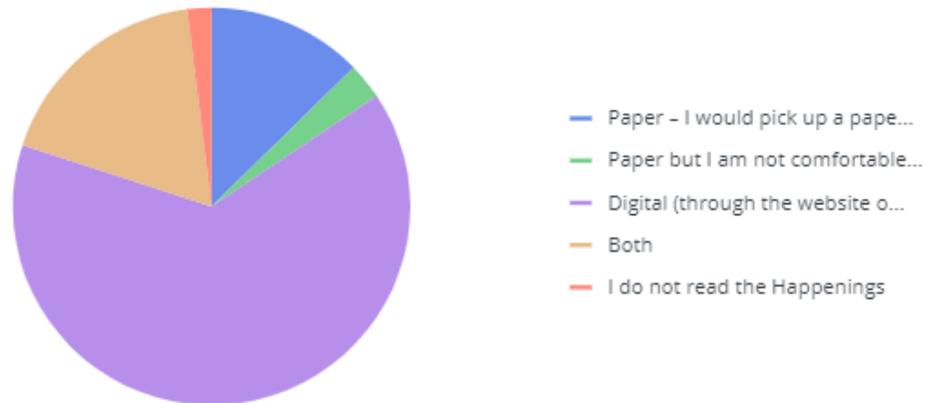
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
I have given online	86 (43%)
I have given by mail	53 (27%)
I have given when I have attended worship in-person	62 (31%)
I want to give ONLINE but do not know how	3 (2%)
I have not given	19 (10%)

7) How do you prefer to read the "Happenings"?

205 Responses



ANSWERS

RESPONSES

Paper - I would pick up a paper copy of the Happenings if available by the doors when exiting from in-person worship 26 (13%)

Paper but I am not comfortable picking up a paper copy of the Happenings if available by the doors 6 (3%)

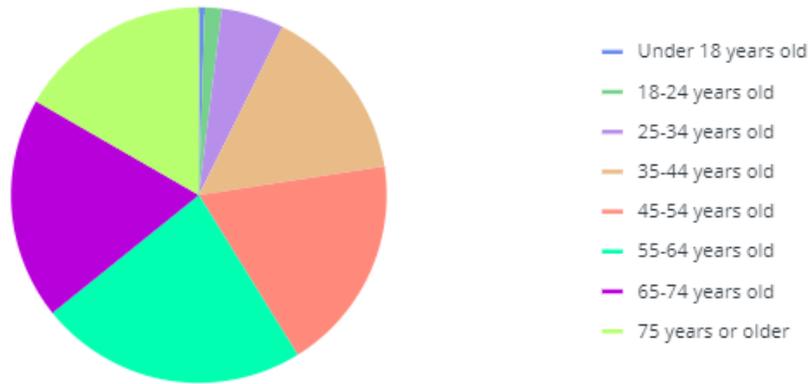
Digital (through the website or ENEWS) 132 (64%)

Both 37 (18%)

I do not read the Happenings 4 (2%)

8) What is your age?

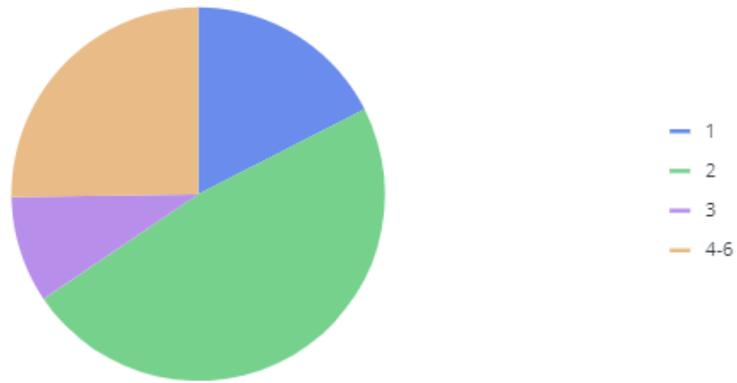
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
Under 18 years old	1 (0%)
18-24 years old	3 (1%)
25-34 years old	11 (5%)
35-44 years old	31 (15%)
45-54 years old	38 (19%)
55-64 years old	47 (23%)
65-74 years old	39 (19%)
75 years or older	34 (17%)

9) How many in your family would be worshipping in-person together?

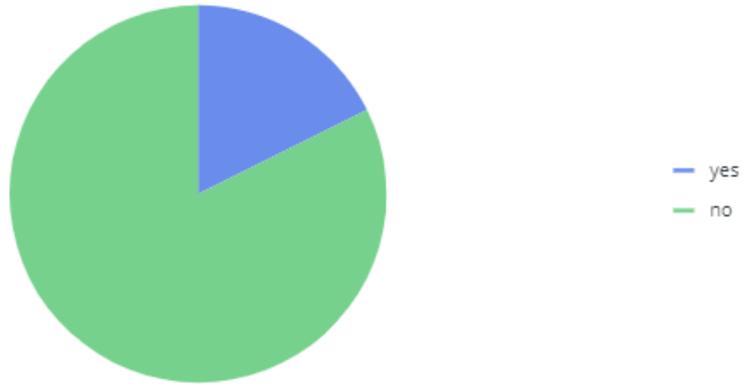
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ANSWERS	RESPONSES
1	36 (17%)
2	99 (48%)
3	19 (9%)
4-6	52 (25%)

10) Do you have children in Sunday School?

204 Responses



ANSWERS

RESPONSES

yes

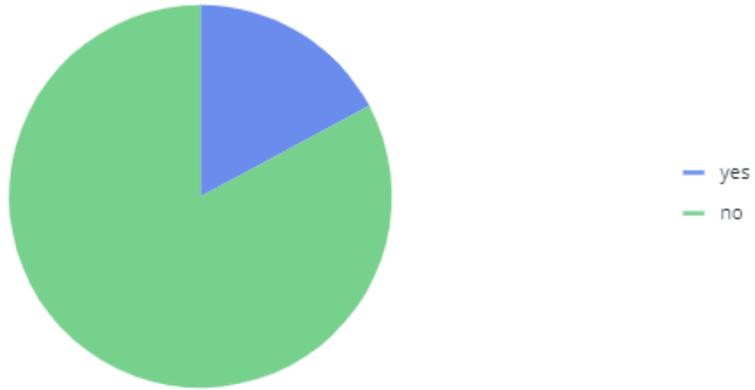
36 (18%)

no

168 (82%)

11) Do you have children in Confirmation?

204 Responses



ANSWERS	RESPONSES
yes	35 (17%)
no	169 (83%)

12) Please provide any other feedback about returning to indoor worship.

60 Responses

I would be willing to return when singing is back in our service and restrooms are open.

Continue service on Facebook

need traditional to continue

Please have worship in the sanctuary

Please do not suspend singing. If masks are worn, talking and singing should not be handled different. Singing is important.

Prefer Sunday school to be during church service the way it has always been. Is the new Sunday School time a new permanent change?

I don't have any feed back.

Righty now my wife and I have been tuning into the on-line service. In these strange times, this is OK, but our wish would be to return to pre covid-19 times. We really appreciate all the work happening now to keep everyone happy and continue to celebrate GOD together. My wife and I will both be using this computer for the survey. We will both sign our survey, so please, don't feel that we are stuffing ballot box.

If we proceed with great caution I believe we will get back to normal much more quickly.

I am most comfortable with indoor worship as long as singing is limited or not done at all. I appreciate the way SJ has handled things so far.

We have regularly attended online services and hope that option continues. I would like my children to have interactions, but also know realistically may have weeks where we would need to keep them home "just in case" if symptoms arise. Also, I hope that you are considering how the volume of people will enter/exit to avoid large bottlenecks of people, especially if one service time occurs.

We would likely attend in person on the in person confirmation weeks and online during the Zoom confirmation weeks.

A recommendation to allow as many as possible to attend in person would be to go back to 3 services, with a cap on numbers that can attend each service.

Prefer later time for traditional worship. 8 is very, very difficult for us. We liked the 11 service so much— Both time and format.

Online services are important to me. I would like to see that option continue on an ongoing basis. Having an online option to visit/revisit throughout the week is valuable.

Thank you for all of the time and consideration you are putting into this difficult decision!

I will only return if there is a traditional service.

With the few (60-90) that attended the 8am service, it would be nice to return communion to the kneel rail too.

I would feel very uncomfortable if ALL people were not wearing masks!

Unfortunately, I feel like people that are not wearing masks are making a political statement. I don't need that stress with my worship.

not ready yet to come.

no hand shaking

none

If two spaces are used at once, then exits should be designated for each side to avoid large number in same space. Split common area with a boundary in between. Sad, I know 😞

I prefer a blended service. Some of the old hymns have deeper, more scripture based messages than more popular contemporary songs. I like both and know young people are drawn to contemporary so don't want them to lose interest. The value of hymns should also be taught. People who don't have that history are missing out.

Distance needs to be maintained if talking happens. Experienced a funeral with distancing —waving was effective to connect with more people.

Our temperatures were taken upon entry. I recommend!

Use balcony space & chairs in lobby to accommodate more people outside sanctuary looking through back windows."Do the same thing with FLC.

Happenings— I don't know how much church mailings cost, but mailings served as a regular reminder to attend church vs email lost among others.

My concern is an under utilization of our sanctuary which I believe is an impressive asset of our church. We should showcase the sanctuary as the center of our worship services. I'm also good with holding a service simultaneously in both areas of the church.

We want to thank everyone for the planning and setup for the online worship services, outdoor worship service and the planning going into returning to indoors. This has been a wonderful return to normalcy that we have looked forward to every week, worshiping with our fellow St. John members.

Use greeters like we have throughout the summer, to stand by the tables where the offering buckets, extra masks, and hand sanitizers are available. Greeters should be gloved, and they could take the count of congregants present. Do not have greeters open doors. Either one outside door should be propped open, or a greeter should be available with disinfecting wipes(a scarce commodity these days) to wipe the handles. Limit the number of doors for entry and use signage to indicate which doors are locked. I do like the advance sign up idea for purposes of planning. Do not staff the Welcome Center unless some form of shielding can be put around it and a barrier can be set up to increase distancing.

We've attended weekly since online has been available, even though in person before Covid we attended Occasionally the last few years (one of us continued to do the usher schedule, however. So a third of the time in attendance.)

Online is important to us, but would appreciate the full worship service as Fredsville and Nazareth provide online.They use different approaches to online-YouTube and Vimeo. St John abbreviated version of worship is lacking our needs to worship fully. One of us watches all three weekly. Thank you.

I would prefer the traditional service with bulletin to follow along and respond.

Outside doors should be left open when arriving and leaving (even in cold weather) and greeters not needed at this time.

We feel the steps taken at the outdoor service should be taken inside and we feel comfortable if still masks and distancing.

We want to worship in person, if not able even with live streaming two services, we might as well stay home and watch online.

Overall, I'll feel more comfortable about indoor services when the overall numbers are under better control within the county (and state) & not just a downward trajectory. If 2 services, I would prefer one of them to be contemporary, and to return to a more contemporary flow to liturgy/service that existed pre-Pastor Paul (he change A LOT to that service structure). In terms of time, I would honestly probably not attend in person very often if either a single service or a 2nd contemporary service shift to late morning.

Would mostly watch online service, and Wed service on CFU channel 18.

I want to thank all those involved in making the decision in regards to returning to indoor worship!!

we feel that face masks should be optional and not required especially if there is social distancing.

We are currently planning on returning to our boat in November, living aboard for about a year.

Thank you for all that you are doing!!!

I'm pushing 80 pretty hard. I have Type I diabetes and Stage III kidney disease. I won't be worshipping in person until there's a very reliable vaccine, so don't put much stock in my answers. i give electronically and that won't change. It won't go up, either, despite the hard times, since my husband attends St. Pat's (not in person now) and half of our giving goes there.

I would feel comfortable attending the traditional 8 am service because social distancing is possible. As long as everyone is wearing masks and staying more than 6 feet apart, I would feel safe returning to worship.

Will not be able to due to multiple high risk factors.

I have some concerns about having my children in person for Sunday school and confirmation.

I'd like to see the worship band go back to piano, bass, guitar, drums and 2 singers. I know of several churches that have been back to a full worship band since the last Sunday in August.

I would hope St John would continue to have 8 am traditional and 9:30am contemporary. I also would like to sing in church I do follow on Facebook every Sunday

I am very thankful the service is available on line and TV. Because of my age, it is probably the safest for everyone, you & me! Thank you.

You have been doing a great job so far. I feel you really care about are well being and keeping close to God either in person or on line. Blessings to all for there tireless work.

We understand this is not a decision that is easily made and respect any decisions.

Feel we need go back to two services. Give the opportunity for more to attend. Example. 100 per service. Maybe ask for designated service per family group to attend. So as to get handle on numbers per service. Possibly alternating on month to month basis or 4th week sign up. Till get a feel for weekly numbers.

I just wish we could sing.

If you do two services in the same space, how would you sanitize thoroughly in between? I really want to do indoor worship, but the poorer air circulation indoors anywhere is concerning, and sanitizing surfaces for a large area can be labor-intensive. I know someone in Waterloo who mentioned that COVID-19 has gone through their congregation this year.

So blended means more contemporary? I miss my 8am service.

I tithe once at the beginning of the year, but it is enough for each month.

I keep hearing about the task force...is there a reason we haven't been told who is on the task force?

We feel congregational singing is an important part of the total worship service.

It may be difficult and too costly, but I recommend SJ measure and report out the air exchange of the relative worship spaces. Knowing what those are might help give confidence or suggest improvements should be made. Thank you for your deliberate and conscientious method of gathering info and planning.

I don't think it will be safe for our community to commune in person indoors until a vaccine has been developed.

I do not feel like it is safe for us to worship inside yet, because it is still too easy to be exposed. I will not be worshipping in person inside until the virus is significantly more contained than it is right now.

As long as we can spread out, I don't see any reason not to have an indoor service. Most people safely go to grocery stores and other public spaces without fear.

Hoping to have a cooperative and non-partisan regathering of people with a common goal to love, care, and serve.

Masked and socially distanced, but i DO so miss the singing

We do miss being together with our St John family

I am praying that indoors will be safe as you look toward indoor worship. I am very hesitant in attending because of the time I share and am with my mom and visits outside right now with my dad at the senior care facility. So as much as I miss my church family , as you see,I am not even comfortable worshipping outdoors. Thanks for sending this out and praying you ALL are well...

I am ready, and trust the staff at St. John to make decisions that are best for the congregation.