



Hey Pine Ridge!

Starting July 12th, we will resume indoor worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. You must wear a mask to attend the 9:00 AM service. Masks are optional at the 10:30 AM service. Both services will be broadcasted into the parking lot in their entirety on FM93.1. A recorded sermon will be sent out via text and email at approximately 11:00 AM.

In addition, please adhere to the following protocols when attending either worship service:

1. Enter through the main doors under the porte-cochere. The doors will be open so that you do not have to touch anything.
2. When you enter the building go directly to the sanctuary and sit down in the pews designated for the service you are attending. They will be marked accordingly.
3. Your pew will have been cleaned prior to you sitting in it and not have been sat in all week until you sit in it. People will be socially distanced in the sanctuary. There is seven feet between pews across the aisle and six feet between pews on the same side. There will be an empty row between each occupied row to allow for social distancing. Feel free to sit in the same row with those you have been social distancing with throughout quarantine.
4. Please remain seated until you are dismissed by rows. Exit by walking toward the stage and out the door adjacent to the baptistery. If you need to use the elevator to exit, please wait until everyone is dismissed and exit through the Perfectly One door after exiting the elevator.
5. Do not stay in the sanctuary after you are dismissed. Exit the building and if you would like to, visit with others in the parking lot.
6. We will keep the service to an hour to allow for adequate time for people to vacate from the first service before the second service attenders arrive.
7. If you must use the restroom, sanitize it with the provided disinfectant prior to leaving.
8. Currently, we will not have donuts, coffee, or communion. Bulletins will be available for you to pick up if you wish on a seat by the entrance. In addition, we will not have a nursery or children's ministry. The leaders are consulting with local physicians, vigilantly tracking COVID-19 hospitalization statistics and new cases, and watching local school plans to plan out our own resumption of children's ministries.
9. The elders are committed to the physical and spiritual well-being of the Pine Ridge flock, including the vulnerable and children. Please understand that anything we do has been carefully and prayerfully considered in order to preserve your holistic health. We welcome your prayers toward that end.

This protocol for Sunday mornings will be amended as circumstances warrant as we try to navigate the road back to a "new normal." An additional protocol for using the church building during the week will be published next week for those who are in need of its use.

As we regather a few verses stand out to me, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." Romans 12:10 and "Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters." Romans 14:1. In the first century, Christians fought over whether or not believers should be circumcised and whether or not to eat meat sacrificed to idols. Let's not become known as the generation of Christians that fought over whether or not people should wear a mask. When in doubt over what to do, consider others as more important than yourselves. Do what leads to peace (Romans 14:19). Give up your personal freedom for the sake of others (Galatians 5:13-14). This is the time for us to shine like stars in the universe for all the world to see the way we love each other well (Philippians 2:15).

In Christ Alone,
Rick for the elders