



Re: Farragut's Return to Worship Plan

The Farragut Church plans to resume worship services at our church building again at **10:30 am** on Sunday, June 7, 2020.

This decision comes after reviewing the guidelines set forth by the Governor's office (TN Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Guidance for Gathering Together in Houses of Worship) and after much prayerful consideration and discussion.

We believe that if everyone follows the guidelines laid out below, then the risk of a widespread outbreak within our building is low. We understand that opinions surrounding this virus vary widely even within our own church family, and that is okay. As brothers and sisters in Christ we are called to put others' needs above our own.

At this time, living out Christ's calling for us looks differently than any of us would wish; however, we believe the adjustments we are asking everyone to make are necessary for a responsible transition to gathering in person.

1. **Vulnerable populations** (everyone 65 years and older, people with disabilities, people with serious respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, people who are immunocompromised) should **use common sense and sound judgment when deciding whether to attend** services at this time. If it isn't wise for you to join us in person at this time, please join us for our livestreamed service online at farragutchurch.org or at the church Facebook page.

2. We request members to stay at home if they are symptomatic, have a fever, have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, or have traveled internationally or to a domestic hot spot in the past two weeks.

3. Our entry doors will be propped open or attended by a masked greeter so you will have **NO** need to touch a door handle when entering or leaving.

4. We are asking everyone to **wear a face covering (mask)** at **ALL** times unless addressing the congregation from the stage. This goes for singing as well, with the exception of the praise team on the stage. If you do not have a mask, an attendant will provide you one at one of our entrances.

5. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at all entrances for your use, and the Family Life Center (FLC) will have 2 stations so you may continue to sanitize if you touch your face or other objects.

6. Make sure your children remember to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water when visiting the restroom.

7. Sit together in household units with your children. We will be using every other pew and want you to provide at least a 6-foot distance from the other families on your pew.

8. There should be no handshaking or hugs. We know this will be tough, but we must do this to ensure everyone's safety.

9. There will be no nursery, but a baby changing table is located in both the ladies' and men's bathrooms. Please wipe everything down with Clorox wipes after each use.

10. There will be no Sunday school classes or Wednesday night classes for now. The only gathering will be the **Sunday A.M.** worship at **10:30 am**.

11. All unnecessary objects from the back of the pews (song books, pens, cards, etc.) have been removed.

12. We'll allow extra time for the Lord's Supper, so families can go forward and take communion while allowing for 6 feet between each family. We ask that you go to the table nearest your family and, as you walk away, dispose of the cups in the trash cans provided. This will be a 2 in 1 cup communion as we offered during our last worship, with no need to touch any other objects. The contribution will be taken at this time as well; a basket will be set on each table, or you may give online or mail a check.

13. At this time we will **NOT** be serving coffee and donuts. We will address offering these at a later date.

14. Families should observe social distancing when they depart from our service, and we should leave promptly exiting the building.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding during this unprecedented time, and we look forward to the day when our entire faith community can gather together again. Please know that throughout this time we have not been led by a spirit of fear but by a spirit of love for the most vulnerable among us. We will continue to monitor all local guidelines and our own experiences to ensure we are moving forward at a pace that allows us to return to our normal schedule as soon as it is safe.