

Moving Forward Summary

With a desire to walk in wisdom, faith, and love, we have developed the first step in our re-entry plan for gathering together for worship together on Sunday morning. This first step takes into serious consideration all the recommendations from the governing authorities placed over us, as well as what we feel like is the best practices for our local church family here in Lexington. Please read what follows carefully, as well as the tentative timeline in which these changes would take effect.

Three Services on Sunday Morning PLUS Live-Streamed Online

In an attempt to spread out more when we gather, this first step will include conducting three services on Sunday morning - **8:30 traditional**, **9:45** and **11:00 contemporary**. In addition, all three services will be live-streamed online via YouTube for those who still wish to worship from home.

No Children's Sunday School/Children's Church. Adult Sunday School Optional.

Because you can't really "social distance" with kids, we won't be conducting children's Sunday School or Children's Church at this time, though we're looking forward to starting those up in the future. Adult classes that wish to meet on Sunday morning or throughout the week are encouraged to do so, but please contact Sabrina to let her know when and what room.

Spaced and High Risk Seating

Following the recommendations from state and local officials, seating during our services will be spread out. This will include skipping every other pew and allowing six feet of space between worshippers who aren't in the same household. Pews not in use will be clearly marked. In addition, during our **8:30** traditional service, we're reserving *the left side of the sanctuary* for those who are considered part of the vulnerable populace. At our **9:45** and **11:00** contemporary services, *the back left overflow section* will be reserved for our high risk worshippers.

Timed Entry, One Entrance, Two Exits

In order to cut down on traffic and allow our volunteer cleaning crew to disinfect between services, we're asking that everyone use the main double doors of the sanctuary to enter for worship (the doors facing Third Street). These doors will be opened approximately ten minutes before the start time of each service. Hand sanitizer and face masks will be available in the foyer. After the service, everyone will exit from the two front side doors on the left and right sides of the sanctuary.

Social Distancing

The term "social distancing" has become an unexpected part of our vernacular over the last two months. It's a practice that includes maintaining approximately six feet of space between people who aren't in your household, including not shaking hands, not giving hugs, etc.

Of course, when we normally gather as the church family on Sunday morning, shaking hands and getting hugs is one of the things many of us look forward to! However, out of

consideration for state and medical recommendations, and out of care for the vulnerable and respect for others, we are asking that you practice social distancing and refrain from physical contact when we gather for worship during this first phase. In addition, worshippers are encouraged (though not required) to wear a face mask, particularly when in conversation with others.

“When does all this start?”

As different areas of state and local life have started to open up, we have done our best to closely monitor developments here in Lee County, and will continue to do so. Barring any massive shifts in events, we will tentatively begin gathering for worship under the guidelines listed above starting ***Sunday, May 31st.*** If there's one thing we've learned in the last two months it's that things can shift quickly. While we don't anticipate having to push this date back, please know that the situation can change.