

## **In-Sanctuary Worship**

### **5 Easy Steps to Worship Safely During COVID-19**

#### **Step 1: Reserve a spot**

- Reservations will help us keep track of our limited capacity during COVID-19 (limited to 40 worshippers) as well as help with contact tracing.
  - You will be required to provide a telephone number to assist in contact tracing.
- Reserve your spot on our website ([goodhopeelca.org](http://goodhopeelca.org)), or call the church office (734.427.3660)

#### **Step 2: When you arrive**

- Park in the east lot, and enter the building via the Narthex doors (the Cherry Hill doors.)
- Make sure to wear your mask properly, covering your nose and mouth
  - If you forget one, a new disposable mask will be provided.
- Give the greeter your name, or show the reservation that you printed.
- If you did not make a reservation, and we are not expecting to be at capacity, you will be required to complete a contact tracing form.
  - If you did not make a reservation, and we are at capacity, you will not be able to join in-sanctuary worship ... you can join us at drive-in church at 11:00 am.
- Sanitize your hands using the touch-free sanitization station, and seat yourself (please do not congregate together in the Narthex before worship.)
- Worshippers who reside together may sit together, otherwise please space yourself at least six feet apart within the pew.

#### **Step 3: Worship (what to expect)**

- Music ... yes (but without singing at this time.)
- Communion ... yes (via wafer distribution, but no wine or juice)
- Passing the Peace ... yes, but a little different. Handshakes, hugs, fist-bumps, and elbow touches ... no. Remain in your pew and give verbal peace and 'peace sign' gestures ... yes.
- Prayers, gospel message, worship Jesus the Christ ... yes, yes, and YES.

#### **Step 4: Dismissal and exit**

- Dismissal will be directed by the ushers (one pew at a time.)
- Exit will be via the doors near the front of the sanctuary (the pulpit side will exit via the emergency exit; the opposite side will exit via the inside hallway.)

#### **Step 5: Tell everybody you know that in-sanctuary worship is back at Good Hope!**

### **A few additional important items to note:**

- If you feel sick (even if you think it's due to seasonal allergies), please stay home.
- Initially, two worship services will be offered
  - 9:00 am in-sanctuary worship
  - 11:00 am drive-in worship (for those not comfortable returning to in-sanctuary worship.)
- Between Sundays, the Sanctuary and Narthex will be professionally sanitized; bathrooms and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized by our cleaning staff and volunteers.
- Gathering together for in-sanctuary worship is **not without risk**. All reasonable steps will be taken to provide a safe worshipping experience, but we cannot guarantee a COVID-free environment. All of us must work together to prevent spreading disease.
- If you test positive for COVID-19 after attending worship, please contact the church office immediately.
- Finally, coming together for worship as COVID-19 cases near us are declining is a privilege that is dependent on all of us doing our part to keep our brothers and sisters safe. If we are unable to follow these simple guidelines, or if cases begin to rise considerably higher, in-sanctuary worship will be suspended.

### **What happens if somebody notifies the church office that they attended worship, and now have tested positive for COVID-19?**

- Everybody who was present at that particular in-sanctuary worship service will be contacted by phone and encouraged to quarantine until tested (we will leave a voicemail if we do not talk to you directly.)
- All staff who were present at the worship service will quarantine until receiving a negative COVID-19 test.
- During contact tracing, we will not identify the person who tested positive.
- Cleaning protocols will be followed as identified above.
- It is possible that church services, meetings, and/or other church activities may be suspended, depending on when the worshipper who tested positive notifies the church office.
  - For example, if we are notified on Saturday and Deacon Keith and Vicar Daniel are unable to be tested prior to Sunday worship, that worship service will be cancelled.
- It is vitally important that if you test positive for COVID-19 after attending worship that you contact the church office.