



Glennville Regathering

United Methodist Church

October Worship Announcement: Indoor Worship Begins Oct. 4th.

Starting this week, we're going to try out a new worship schedule. We will be moving all of our worship services to Sunday mornings. Studio Worship has been a blast, but we're going to take the next step. So, here's our new worship schedule (beginning this week):

Each Sunday morning, we will have 3 worship services.

At 9 AM, we have Front Porch worship. Bring your own chair and join us outside the front of the church! This has been a fun and safe way to worship God together. So, we're going to keep it up! There's no need to RSVP for Front Porch Worship, just come as you are!

And, as usual, our online service starts at 11 AM on YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter.

We are also adding an in-door worship service at 11 AM. This service will take place in our sanctuary with additional seating in our social hall (with a live feed from the sanctuary!).

Here's what you need to know:

1. You'll be met out front by our hospitality team who will welcome you, get the door for you, and help you find a seat. They'll direct us to fill up the front first, so let them lead the way. (When we leave, they'll guide us out from the back pews).
2. We'll be practicing social distancing. We'll be practicing "air hugs" instead of real hugs for a while. You'll also notice that open seats are marked for you, so you'll be able to sit comfortably. Each seating area can hold between 1-4 people.
3. Our service will be brief, but joyful! We won't be singing as a congregation just yet, but we'll have wonderful special music.
4. Masks are welcome and highly encouraged in worship. They are, after all, a great and easy way to slow the spread! You're invited to bring your own mask, but we have a few extras that you can pick up from our hospitality team if you'd like one once you get here.
5. If our sanctuary gets full, we'll open up our social hall for extra seating. You'll get a live-feed of exactly what's happening in the sanctuary while worshipping safely with people in the room with you!

6. We won't have Sunday School, Nursery, or Children's church just yet. But don't worry, we love kids of all ages in worship!

7. RSVP online. Visit our website, www.glennvilleumc.com, and let us know you're coming! If you're not comfortable doing that online, or if you run into any problems, just call the church office. We can help you sign up. I know this is a bit inconvenient, but we want to make sure we have everything ready for you when you get here! Please be flexible. While we can hold up to 48 in the sanctuary, we only have 12 seating areas. As we get used to this process, we may have to contact folks and ask them to move to the social hall (where there are 10 additional seating areas for 10-40 people).

8. Finally, if you are sick, have any bad symptoms, or have been exposed to someone who is, please respect your church family and worship with us safely from home.

What are we doing to keep our worshippers safe?

1. We have arranged our sanctuary and our social hall for socially distanced seating. You can find a map of our seating arrangements at www.glennville.com/regathering. Seating is 6' apart. Families or people who are comfortable sitting together are welcome to sit together. Each "seating area" in both spaces can accommodate 1-4 people. We've arranged our social hall for additional seating.
2. We will be practicing social distancing.
3. We have hand sanitizing stations, masks, and gloves placed at strategic places throughout the building.
4. Our hospitality team will be present to open doors and help people to their seats. Our hospitality team will be wearing masks and gloves. On the way in, we will be seating from the front to the back. On the way out, we will be exiting starting with the back pews to the front pews. This will allow for social distancing during exits. Please exit promptly. If you would like to have a socially distant visit with your fellow congregation members, please do so outside.
5. Items have been removed from pews in the open seats to avoid surfaces to touch. We will not be using bulletins. Offering plates are stationed at the entrance and exit.
6. We will only be entering and exiting from the front sanctuary doors. With the exception of the restrooms (for emergency use), the rest of the building will not be open yet.
7. We will not have congregational singing yet. This is to minimize the possibility of the transmission of illness. However, we will have excellent special music each week.

Please help us observe all of these safety precautions. If it seems that these precautions are too cumbersome at this time, then we will reconsider the service until fewer restrictions are needed.

So, starting this Sunday, we have 3 opportunities to worship. Sunday morning at 9 AM with Front Porch Worship. Sunday at 11 AM, Indoor Worship, and 11 AM Online Worship. It doesn't matter which service you choose; it just matters that you choose one!

One way or another, we look forward to seeing you in worship this Sunday. Until then, remember we love you and (most importantly) God loves you!

PS: Remember to register for 11 AM Indoor worship at www.glennvilleumc.com! (No RSVP needed for Front Porch Worship!)