

Grace Church Provisional Public Worship

As of June 28, 2020

10:35 am

Outdoors at the new building

PUBLIC GATHERINGS INHERENTLY CREATE SOME RISK OF EXPOSURE TO THE CORONA VIRUS.

While we will do our best to minimize the risk of exposure, we cannot eliminate this risk entirely. You must accept some personal level of risk in attending public worship. If you are not comfortable with this risk, we encourage you to stay home and enjoy worship online.

ANYONE EXHIBITING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE. If you feel sick, help everyone stay safe by staying home.

ALL PERSONS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE HIGH-RISK CATEGORY ARE ENCOURAGED TO AVOID PUBLIC WORSHIP AND STAY HOME. This includes, but is not limited to, persons who:

- are elderly,
- have pre-existing physical conditions,
- are immuno-compromised.

GRACE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE STREAM WORSHIP EVEN DURING PUBLIC WORSHIP.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO ALLOW TIME TO PARK AND SET UP YOUR FAMILY SHADE DEVICE. WORSHIP WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:35 AM.

Guidelines for Public Worship

- Under Phase 2 Guidelines, THERE WILL BE NO:
 - nursery care
 - children's ministry
 - Sunday school
 - fellowship gathering
 - food or drink provided by Grace
 - physically passing the peace
 - physically passing the offering plates
 - wine served at communion
 - physical contact between worshippers
- Under Phase 2 Guidelines, THERE MUST BE:
 - masks worn by all participants, volunteers, and worshippers
 - 6 foot social distancing at all times
 - a limited number of volunteers
 - spiritual communion, if physical communion is offered

Worship Site

- Worshippers will gather in the field north of the new building
 - behind the building, opposite from parking lot
- Worshippers will be assigned a 9 x 9 foot area per household unit
- Worshippers MUST stay within their assigned space for the duration of their visit
 - access to indoor bathrooms will be provided via designated footpaths
- Each household unit will be six feet away from all surrounding household units
- Worshippers are encouraged to bring a pop-up shade covering, camp chairs or a blanket for sitting, and any desired snacks and drinks
 - none of this is required, you may sit on the grass or stand in the sun if you want
- Worshippers should orient themselves toward the porch
 - the altar and the music team will be on the north edge of the porch
- No food or drink will be provided by Grace Church
- Every item, including trash, worshippers bring to worship MUST be taken home by them
 - anything left behind will be assumed to be contaminated and thrown away
- Grace Church will provide 9 pop-up shade tents on a first-come-first-serve basis
 - Requests to use Grace tents must be made ahead of time
 - Grace tents must be cleaned by those using them, to Grace specifications, immediately after worship

Order for Worship

- Liturgy for worship, including songs, will be posted on the Grace Church App
 - www.gcsa.me/app
- Online Check-in – please let us know you are here today
 - check-in online before worship, or at the offering, or after worship.
 - www.gcsa.me/checkin
- Passing the Peace – no physical contact outside your household
 - Share God’s peace with a nod or a wave instead of a hug.
- Offering – giving thanks by giving back
 - We give as an offering of thanks in response to all God has given us.
 - www.gcsa.me/give
 - Online Check-in – www.gcsa.me/checkin
- Communion
 - The Great Thanksgiving
 - the priest will wash his hands in the sight of the congregation for at least 20 seconds prior to preparing the table for communion
 - the elements of communion will remain covered throughout the eucharistic prayer, only being uncovered for distribution
 - excepting the priest host, which will not be served to the people
 - Spiritual Communion
 - spiritual communion will be offered at the beginning of the distribution for any who are uncomfortable receiving physical communion
 - and for everyone worshipping online

- Communion in One Kind
 - only the communion bread will be served to the people
 - the priest will bring communion to each family
 - the priest will drop the body of Christ into outstretched palms, carefully avoiding physical contact, with the traditional words
 - the server will follow the priest bearing the cup
 - people are invited to reverence the blood of Christ with the traditional words
 - the priest and server will wear masks during distribution of communion
- Blessings
 - for those who prefer to receive a blessing, the priest will make the sign of the cross above your head, saying a traditional blessing
- Songs
 - distribution of communion will take longer than usual
 - you are encouraged to sing heartily during the distribution of communion
- Closing Song – oh, we gonna’ dance!
 - Dancing – children and families are invited to dance in their immediate area
 - please do not allow your children to come up front to dance

Sunday Teams

- Altar Guild – 1 person - prepare for and clean up after communion
 - gloves and mask must be worn while serving
- Set Up Team – 3 people – directing traffic for parking
 - one in driveway, one in parking lot, one in field
- Grushers – 2 people – directing people from parking to worship site
 - one in parking lot, one in field
- Servers – 1 person – Jamie George will act as server
 - limits exposure by limiting volunteers
- A/V Team – 1 person – Nancy Stinson will be the a/v person
 - limits exposure by limiting volunteers
- Music Team – 3 people – Rodriguez family will be the music team
 - limits exposure by limiting volunteers

Parking

- Maintain social distancing when getting into and out of your vehicle.
 - If someone in the parking space next to you is entering or exiting their vehicle, be patient and allow them to do so before you approach or exit your vehicle.
- Parking is provided in the new building parking lot and in the field to the west of the new building.
- Please follow posted directions and volunteer’s instructions guiding you from the parking area to the worship site.
- After parking, do NOT walk through the building or on the porch.

Bathrooms

- only the front door to the building will be unlocked for use
 - all other doors will be marked with signs directing persons to unlocked door
 - plastic bags will be taped over all locked door handles
 - after worship, bags will be thrown away
- front door will be marked with a sign and propped open to eliminate need for multiple people to touch the door handle
- temporary tape will be strung to block access to any space but the bathrooms
- door to bathroom area will be propped open to eliminate need for multiple people to touch the door handle
- hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes will be provided in each bathroom stall
- hand sanitizer will be provided at communal sink
- signs will be placed on both sides of bathroom stall doors outlining expected cleaning measures to be followed by bathroom users
 - after using the toilets, please flush
 - after flushing the toilet, use the provided cleaning wipes to wipe down every surface that was touched, including:
 - toilet seat
 - toilet handle
 - hand rails
 - toilet paper dispenser
 - after cleaning surfaces, throw away the cleaning wipe in provided trash can
 - trash can will be open with no lid
 - select a new cleaning wipe, open the door, holding the door open with your foot, wipe down the handle you just touched, allow door to close, wipe down the exterior door handle, throw away the cleaning wipe in trash can by sink
 - trash can lid opened by foot pedal
- after worship, each bathroom stall, communal sink area, and bathroom area door handles will be cleaned vigorously
- after worship, temporary tape will be removed and thrown away
- after worship, the front door handles will be cleaned vigorously

After Worship

- Under Phase 2 guidelines, there is to be no fellowship time after worship
- Please pack up all of the belongings you brought with you, including any trash.
- ***Anything left behind will be assumed to be contaminated and thrown away.***
- Please be patient and maintain social distancing as you walk to and load your vehicle.