

# IMAGINE CHURCH

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## OUTDOOR SERVICES

STMA Middle School West - Parking Lot  
Sundays, 9am

After 3 months of gathering online for our church services, we are SO excited to be gathering in person again! We know that meeting outdoors won't exactly be the same as how we normally meet, but it will allow us to finally worship together in person again while not having to be under as many requirements as we would if we were indoors. It will indeed be safer as well!

We know you might have a lot of questions about this, so below are our answers to your frequently asked questions!

### **Where Exactly Will The Services Be Held?**

We will meet in the parking lot alongside the auditorium of STMA Middle School West.

### **What Time Will The Services Be Held?**

We have decided to move the service time up to 9am for our outdoor services. Or online at 11am and 8pm.

### **What Safety Procedures Are In Place?**

- We have a number of safety procedures in place that will help everyone stay safe but still have a great time worshipping Jesus together!
- We are asking everyone to adhere to the CDC guidelines on social distancing and maintain a six-foot distance (or more!) from all non-household members at all times.
- We will continue to follow the guidelines from the government. Right now we would be required to have a max of 250 people. With the space of the parking lot we will be able to comfortably and safely be spaced out.
- We encourage you to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on during our outdoor service.
- All volunteers and staff will wear masks.
- For attendees, masks are definitely encouraged but not required.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be provided as you enter/exit the parking lot and near the portable bathroom. The school itself will not be open, so if you need to use the restroom, you'll have to use the portable one.
- We will be providing a completely "touchless" service! You will be able to walk out of your vehicle, attend the service, and walk back to your vehicle without ever touching anything. There will be no bulletins, handouts, coffee, or passing of the offering buckets. We ask that you continue to give your offering online at this time or mail a check to our PO Box. We encourage you to bring your own Bible and notebook/pen for message notetaking as we will not be providing any of those materials at this time.
- Please smile at your friends and say hello from 6 feet away, but please don't hug, shake hands, or even hang out with others after the service during this season. We know this will be the most challenging part of the whole thing, and it breaks our hearts a little to write this guideline! But we also know, that if we all stand in tight little circles after the service and catch up while our kids run around, that the purpose of social distancing will be quickly defeated. Therefore, when the service is over, we will be asking people to head back to their vehicles.

### **What About Kids?**

At this point, churches are unable to safely provide a separate children's ministry while still maintaining social distancing. Therefore, children will need to stay with their parents/guardians at all times.

We realize it won't necessarily be easy for some kids to sit in one spot during the service, so we will try our best to keep the service engaging for kids (more upbeat music, shorter message, etc.). We encourage you to bring a Kid's Bible, a book, or an activity to help them with the "wiggles." We will have kid bags available with a couple activities to do if you are comfortable with grabbing one. There will also be resources you can print at home and bring with on Sunday morning if you would like to maintain a touch free service for your family. If you need to, feel free to get up and walk around in the back with your kids as you listen to the service.

We do, however, highly encourage you to continue to use our Imagine Kids Resources page on Imagine Online where you can find Bible Stories, worship songs, crafts, and more for your kids to do each week! Remember, you are the primary leader in your child's spiritual development!

### **If I Am Sick Or Vulnerable, How Can I Participate?**

We want everyone to be able to participate in our services, and continue to feel connected to Imagine Church, no matter what their health status may be. We also want people to stay home even if they feel just a little bit sick. Therefore, during this season, we will ALSO be providing a Sunday online option at 11am or 8pm for people to watch at home.

### **Do I Need To Reserve My Spot?**

No, we are not anticipating hitting the 250 maximum at our services, so we are not requiring reservations.

### **What If It Rains?**

If it rains, the outdoor service will be cancelled, and we will all watch the online service (much like we've been doing the past 3 months).

### **What If I Have Other Questions?**

If you have more questions about our outdoor service plan, please contact our Executive Director, Abby Conroy at [aconroy@imaginechurchmn.com](mailto:aconroy@imaginechurchmn.com)