

Hi Church Family & Church Friends.

July 5 is THIS Sunday and the 747 Campus will open its doors along with the Online Campus for both worship services. As promised, I have some instructions and expectations for you to factor into your plans for attending the 747 Campus, should you so desire.

You may recall I mentioned last week that face masks will be required to enter through the doors of the 747 Campus. If you are in need of a mask, one of our LifeGroups has been diligent to create a stock of cloth masks that will be made available to you immediately upon entry into the lobby. I know many of us feel very strongly about that topic. As your pastor I respect your opinion and will understand completely if you decide to stay home because of this requirement. However, you might want to consider how much fun you can have with a face mask. I mean, today Jennifer Margaris showed up to work wearing a complete Spider-man mask! Okay, not really. But, why not? That works!

Many of you have also expressed that you will be staying home and enjoying the Online Campus because we will not have childcare available. Again, please do not hesitate to partake of the great experience we have to offer through the Online Campus instead of being at the 747 Campus. Parents I want you to know how much I love you and your kids. I'm also very aware that keeping Little Timmy tame during "Big Church" is an undertaking that takes some doing. You have my upmost respect for deciding to go with the Online Campus instead of attending the 747 Campus. One day we will arrive at Phase 4 and will have childcare again.

There are several recommendations from our political leaders regarding those of us who are 70-years-young and above. Thus far there are no laws restricting attendance of certain age groups, only strong recommendations. I must say that I've been very impressed with how many of our 70+ crowd are adept at adapting to and adopting technology during this time. So I'll understand if you-all in that age group choose to remain with us through the Online Campus for a while longer, too.

Now, for those of us who are going to gear up for a 747 Campus excursion, let's walk through what a Sunday morning will look like.

There will be only one (1) doorway open for entry into the building. That single doorway will be the main doors on the north side of the campus under the portico (that's the awning we sometimes drive under when we drop off our spouse/kids at the door). We're going to need to be ready for some procedures before and upon entry. One key to being less cranky when we are asked to partake of these procedures will be to remember which door is going to be open--go to the front door, not the back door.

The portico will be arranged as a "Nurse's Station" to greet you. There I will have organized three lovely young ladies, and one amazingly beautiful brown-eyed girl, who will take your temperature and ask you to check a couple of boxes on a small card. We will not be able to allow entry to anyone with a temperature above 99.9, who has an illness with evident symptoms, or who has been recently exposed to the Coronavirus. Our thermometers are touch free and our "nurses" will be gloved as well as masked. SFC Security Ministry Team members will be around to help guide the process.

Upon entry please remain at a distance of 6 feet from anyone outside of your family. You'll notice pylons and boundary guides set up to help us all stay in safe zones. I'll also have some very special team members around to direct traffic and answer your questions. We will ask you to make your way immediately to your seats in the auditorium rather than mingle in the lobby. We are unable to have food or drink of any kind in our building during this time, so the lobby won't exactly have that mingling atmosphere we've known and loved. Don't worry, we'll get back to that time again.

The seating arrangements in the auditorium will be set to meet the 6-foot safety standards. These arrangements include a plan to sit in every other row. Please respect the signs and caution tape when you find a seat to prepare for worship. Additionally, the seats will be arranged in groupings of no more than five (5) chairs, in keeping with the maximum close-in limitations of the State of Washington. If you have a family of six or seven, please let one of my purple-shirted team members know and we will make special arrangements for your family seating.

Here's an important fact, because of the special chair arrangements we will be limited in seating to about 110 people in our auditorium this week. With two

services on Sundays we will, therefore, be able to potentially serve 220 worshipers at our 747 campus. Nonetheless, this is a limit to consider in planning a worship excursion.

As you enter the auditorium, you'll notice how cool you are! Everyone will be wearing their face masks along with you... and just like that you're a cool kid. Now, unlike at restaurants in the area, we are required to keep our masks on even after being seated. "What about when we sing, Pastor?" Yep, the law addresses that specifically and says that we must wear masks especially when we sing. Again, I'll refer us to the above note about my respect for our varying personal positions on face masks and remind us that the Online Campus is still a great experience.

But, remember, we're going to make masks cool! The only time you will see anyone with a mask away from their mouth and nose will be when "Ceremonial Personnel" are performing their ceremonies on the platform. That's just fancy talk to point out that your leaders on the platform will temporarily remove their masks to perform their leadership duties on your behalf. However, the platform is set at an extra distance away from the chairs, and these leaders are still required to keep their masks on their person, near their faces, and don them immediately after completing their ceremony on the platform.

Our worship service will begin on the same schedule as every Sunday, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM (pst). We will not have a time of greeting in order to avoid contact. We will not receive an offering through the passing of baskets for the same reason. We will encourage you to share and offer greeting with your phones. We will encourage you to give through the various online and text-to-give venues many of us already know, but will also direct you to our "Drop Boxes" at the exit points in the auditorium.

Speaking of exit points, we will ask you to use only the north-end doors of the auditorium to exit. Signs will be placed to help direct you. When we are finished worshipping together, we will exit immediately and through the double doors nearest the kitchen. "What about Sunday School, PC?" We cannot rock Sunday School on the 747 Campus yet. However, our Adult and Youth (6-12 grades) Sunday School classes are having amazing experiences on Zoom (and LifeGroups have begun to Zoom as well)!

Because you're thinking about exiting, you're possibly also thinking about restrooming (room-resting?). We will only have one (1) restroom open for each gender (so a total of two (2)) at each service. Furthermore, the restrooms will be limited to no more than two (2) at a time. Again, signage will be our friend here as we seek to work out this limitation. Now, back to our exit strategy...

As you slip your offering into a Drop Box or shoot a text to give on your way out, you'll make your way to the northwest corner of the building, through those double doors, and right on out into the north (main) parking lot not more than a few FitBit steps from your awaiting car. Once in your car, you can take your mask off your face and smile at your spouse or family member with you: "Wasn't that GREAT!?" you'll shout in ecstasy. Wow, what a day!

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to you, a team of expert cleaners are resetting the auditorium with disinfectant, wiping down all touched surfaces, and changing the signage up in the seating area to make ready for the next crowd of 110 or so. Amazing.

So that's the plan for Sunday, July 5. Presumably, that will be the plan for the next couple of Sundays that follow. This here lengthy email is why I tried to give you a break from your pastor's emails for a couple of weeks leading up to today. Sure as God made little green apples, you can bet that I'll do my best to keep you posted about changes as they come our way. Keep an eye on your inbox, sweet people.

Thanks for taking some time with me here. Have a wonderful week.

Blessings.

PC

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