

Plan for Resuming In-Person Worship

We held our first in-person worship service (since the COVID suspension) this past Sunday in the field next to the parking lot. We were excited to have 50 worshippers in attendance. We will have our next in-person service in the field this Sunday morning from 9:00-9:45. For the safety of our members, we will observe precautions related to COVID-19 (social distancing, the wearing of masks, the use of hand sanitizer, etc.). Because we are in a neighborhood, we understand that it is important to be mindful about volume and will try to amplify the worship only as loud as we need to for everyone present to hear.

Subsequent services will occur at the same time on Sunday mornings, weather permitting. Should the forecast not be favorable, we will forego live worship and will have an online only service that week. During this time, a “regathering team” will put together a protocol to help us transition to indoor worship (probably sometime in August). Of course, all of this will be informed by numbers, safety recommendations, and similar considerations.

We will provide a hand sanitizer station, and we are asking you to keep the following in mind for our outdoor services:

Masks: We really do need everyone to wear masks for their own safety and for the safety and peace of mind of everyone else who will be worshipping with us. We will have masks available for those who do not have one, but if you own a mask, you would be helping us out by bringing it to the service.

Bottled Water: Although we are meeting at 9:00 and will have a shorter than typical service, it is summer in South Carolina, which means that it will be warm. Please bring a bottle of water to keep cool and hydrated.

Dress: We will be worshipping outside in a field, so please dress comfortably.

Chair: We are asking people to bring your own chair, if at all possible. Your chair is probably more comfortable than Trinity’s metal folding chairs. Having members bring their own chairs also helps reduce physical contact and set-up time. That being said, we will have plenty of chairs available if you are unable to bring your own.

Umbrella: While we will plan these outdoor services only when we feel that there is a good chance it will not rain, we cannot control the weather. We are asking everyone to bring an umbrella just in case it rains in the middle of the service or to use as protection from the sun.

Worshipful Spirit: This is new for us, so we will be playing things by ear this Sunday and learning as we go. We would love for you to join us and ask that you carry with you a worshipful and cooperative spirit.