

Fall 2021 Protocols & Encouragements

August 22, 2021

Dear CPC Family & Friends,

We had hoped that with increased vaccinations that this pandemic would have been eliminated or minimized by now. We are eager to return to our normal and ordinary ways of gathering together. As always, it has been our objective as shepherds in this unprecedented time to be glorifying God, providing a safe as possible means of worshipping together while honoring, obeying, and living peaceably with civil authorities.

On September 12, we will be kicking off Sunday School and Worship with the following protocols:

- **Sunday School at 9am**
 - Classes will be available for all ages (including adults).
 - **Masks will be mandatory for all teachers and students for elementary and below.**
 - Otherwise, Masks will be encouraged for non-vaccinated individuals (including minors) and those that still prefer wearing a mask indoors.
- **Worship Service at 10:10am ***NEW TIME*****
 - **Masks will still no longer be required;** however,
 - We will encourage people to follow the advice on masks for non-vaccinated individuals (including minors), and we will trust individuals to monitor themselves.
 - We will also encourage people who prefer to continue to wear masks to feel comfortable wearing them.
 - **Mask & Social Distanced Seating:** The fellowship room will remain reserved for those that want to remain socially distant and masked.
 - **Communion** will be served in person and no longer via Zoom.
 - However, if you are still uncomfortable attending in-person and are participating via the Livestream, please contact Pastor Tracy and he will arrange communion to be served to you at your home.
 - **The Nursery Room** for children (0 to 3) will still be staffed with masked volunteers.
 - **The Livestream will continue to be offered,** but we encourage you to attend in-person as soon as possible. The Livestream is a great ministry tool but it is not a substitute for gathering in-person in fellowship and worshipping together.
 - **Food & Coffee** after worship will remain on hiatus until further notice.

Some encouragement and reminders:

- **Sick? Please stay home.** We ask that if you are sick or have been exposed to or been in close contact with someone who has the virus, please stay home and participate via Livestream.
- **Vaccination:** We generally encourage people to get vaccinated. However, we know and understand that there are reasons why you would not. As always, contact your doctor for medical advice.
- **Be gracious and loving to each other.** We know that there are differing opinions on mandates, opening up, wearing masks, and vaccinations. Remember if we do not have love for one another we are just a noisy gong or clanging cymbal (*1 Corinthians 13:1*)

- **Stay Connected & Communicate:** We also want to hear from you. Please email tracy@christ-pres.org or call/text 413-636-5664.

Know that you are loved,

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