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Return to In-Person Worship - Frequently Asked Questions

When can I come?

You can return to worship in-person in the sanctuary on March 28. However, there will be an opportunity to gather to rededicate the sanctuary on Friday, March 26, at 6:00pm.

How many people will be able to attend?

We will be reducing capacity to allow for social distancing, however, the exact number of people who can attend will depend on how many fill each pew. In the event that all our seating is filled, we will invite you — if you choose — to view the service from either the North Parlor or live in the Fellowship Hall.

What about Holy Week and Easter Sunday?

We will offer Holy Week services on both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Worship will have the same capacity limits for Easter Sunday, but the North Parlor will also be open for additional seating and the Fellowship Hall will have additional seating to view the livestream of the worship service.

Do I need to be vaccinated to attend worship?

You are not required to be vaccinated to attend worship. However, we do strongly encourage you to be vaccinated, as the vaccines available are safe, effective, and are the best chance for us to get back to “normal.”

Can I sit with a friend or with my extended family?

You are welcome to decide who you’d like to sit with, so long as they’re comfortable with being in close proximity to you. We won’t decide who can sit where, but we do ask that everyone does their part to mitigate any chance of spreading the virus.

What do I need to bring?

Everyone in your family needs to wear a mask while in the building. We will also ask for you to bring a [welcome card](#) with you – but if you don’t have one, we’ll have plenty of extras. You are also encouraged to bring your Bible with you. Otherwise, just come as you are!

Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes, we are requiring everyone attending in person worship to wear a mask while in the building. If we get to a point where the vast majority of our congregation is completely vaccinated, we will reassess what health experts say we can do safely.

Why does the church need to know if I've been vaccinated?

We're not trying to invade your personal life, however it's important to know how many among us may still be vulnerable in order to do our best to protect anyone at risk. We don't want our worship to increase the spread of COVID-19 in Reidsville, and we don't want you to get sick. We also want to be able to plan for the most meaningful worship service possible, so knowing what percentage of the congregation is vaccinated may help get us back to a normal worship pattern sooner rather than later.

I haven't been feeling well, can I still come?

The welcome cards will ask if you've had any COVID symptoms, and even if they don't fit your symptoms, it's always smarter to stay home if you're ill. Help us stop the spread of all viruses by staying home until you're symptom free.

What time do I need to arrive?

The doors will open at 10:30am. Please plan to arrive and be in your seat no later than 10:55am.

Where do I go when I arrive at the church?

Park at the church as you would normally and enter the church through the main entrance. In the narthex will be extra [welcome cards](#) to fill out, if you didn't bring one with you. You can drop it in the specified basket and go on to your seat! Please exit worship from the main doors also. When you enter and exit, please take advantage of the hand sanitizing stations.

Where can I sit? Can I move around during the service?

You are free to sit in any open pew. Your "normal" pew may not be available, since some will be blocked off in order to allow for distancing, so get comfortable wherever you can. We encourage you to greet one another, but please maintain social distancing and plan to remain in your seat during the service.

What should I expect?

Some parts of the service will be different, at first, but not different from the current livestreamed service. We will not have congregational singing or communion, and the service will last between 45-50 minutes. We will also not offer childcare in the nursery. We will not pass the offering plates, they will be in the narthex, instead.

What safety precautions is the church taking besides social distancing and mask wearing?

We have hand sanitizing stations at the door for your convenience. We will also clean all seating and high traffic areas after the service. The sanctuary will also sit empty for several days after each Sunday's worship service.

What happens if someone who attends worship later tests positive for COVID-19?

In the event someone tests positive for COVID-19, we will use the welcome cards for contact tracing. Everyone who attended will be notified and encouraged to be tested. The staff will all be tested. If someone on the staff tests positive, in-person worship will be suspended for two weeks.