

# First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary Worship Policy

If you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose other than from allergies, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea – **please stay home.**

Preregistration is not required at this time.

Pews on the main floor and in the balcony will be used. To maintain distancing, some pews have been blocked off. You may sit with those with whom you live but must distance 6 feet from others. This should still allow for over 100 to attend, which should be more than enough given normal summer attendance numbers.

Use of a facemask is **strongly recommended** during the entire time you are in the building. Masks will be available at the door.

Use of hand sanitizer is **strongly recommended**. Dispensers will be available in the sanctuary.

Other than the bulletin, there will be no worship aids (hymnal, bible, etc.). You are welcome to bring your own Bible, Hymnal, or devotional materials, but please be sure to take them home with you. At the end of the service, please deposit your bulletin in the recycle bin or take it home with you.

There will be no friendship pads. Please sign in using your own pen or the sanitized pens provided.

The order of worship is similar to that normally used with the following modifications:

- Ministry Opportunities and Announcements will not be read, with limited exception of Announcements from the “pastor of the day.” No one will be invited to come forward to make announcements.

If you have an announcement to make, call the church office by Tuesday so that your announcement can be included in the bulletin.

- Singing is not allowed. Hymn texts will be printed in the bulletin. The hymns will be played as if the congregation is singing, but the congregation will instead be invited to meditate on the text. Humming is acceptable.
- The sung responses normally used for the Words of Assurance, Psalm, and Offertory will be printed in the bulletin and recited.
- Offerings should be placed in the plates or baskets at the back of the sanctuary. Ushers will not pass offering plates nor bring the offering forward.
- Instead of the Sign of Peace, we will share a Prayer for Peace.

The sanctuary will be appropriately cleaned following the service.

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