

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

The Session is excited to continue to keep the sanctuary open for in person worship. We are asking anyone who chooses to attend worship in person to abide by and covenant to do the following:

- To wear a mask at all times while in the building. We ask that you supply your own mask. We will have a small supply if you do not have one but will only give one mask to each person one time. You would then keep the mask to launder and reuse. The **only exceptions** to this are children under the age of 2, individuals who have difficulty breathing, or individuals who are unable to remove their own mask.
- To speak using only a soft voice. During the hymns, you may choose to remain silent, mouth the words, hum, or sing very softly. We suggest that if you are going to softly sing that you increase your physical distancing to 10-12 feet (putting 3 pews between you and any other households). If singing loudly is a vital part of your worship experience, we encourage you to consider staying home and worshipping via technology so you may sing joyously and safely.
- To utilize no-touch alternatives for passing the peace from your seat.
- To keep all possessions (coat, purse, etc.) and anything you may receive (bulletin, etc.) with your person.
- To self-isolate for two weeks if you are notified that someone at the worship gathering tested positive for the virus.

In addition to asking those of you who choose to worship in person to agree to that covenant, we have made the following decisions regarding in person worship and building use:

- On Sunday mornings, we will open the building and begin seating people 15 minutes before the start of the worship service. You may arrive before that time but will be asked to line up outside on the sidewalk and maintain 6 feet between your household and other households.
- Bibles will be available in the foyer. If you wish to use one for worship, you're invited to pick one up on your way into the sanctuary. At the end of worship, we ask that you leave it in the pew in the sanctuary so it may be sanitized.
- The balcony will not be open for seating and there will be no children bags available.
- The nursery will not be staffed. One family may utilize it.
- At this time, both upstairs restrooms are open. We ask that one person at a time use the restroom even though the women's has two stalls. There will be a wipe down checklist with disinfectant wipes in the restroom and we ask that you complete the checklist as you leave the restroom. Parents please supervise any children using the restroom to ensure that this cleaning checklist has been completed.
- **We continue to encourage all vulnerable individuals, including those with preexisting medical conditions, to remain at home.**