

Return to Church Guidelines



There is much we don't know about the COVID-19 virus for which we have decided to close the doors to our in-person worship services for the past several months. We don't know everything, and what we do know seems to change by the week.

But in the Bible we have been given the wisdom of God Himself, which does not change and of which we can remain certain. In His Word, He directs us to love one another and gives us the proper motivation to do so:

"We love because He first loved us." - 1 John 4:19

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." – 1 John 3:16

It is with this self-sacrificial love in mind and in deliberation with the church council that we are seeking to re-open our in-person worship services on May 31st by enacting the following policies out of love for our fellow Christians:

- The side-doors in the sanctuary will be utilized as our main entrance and exit for the foreseeable future.
- We will be sitting in alternating pews throughout the sanctuary, in an effort to "social distance" during the worship service.
- In addition, we would encourage members to "socially distance" both before and after the service. Congregating with one another, at a safe distance, outside both before and after the service is encouraged.
- Pastor will be greeting our members with Christian love and joy, but without shaking hands.
- Communion will be distributed on the first Sunday back. After that we will resume our first-Sunday-of-the-month Communion practice. Communion will be distributed by means of pre-packaged individual communion cups, which you may pick up when you first enter the sanctuary.
- The Sanctuary and all door knobs will be disinfected before every service.
- The offering will be collected in the regular offering plates. Instead of being passed, they will be stationed in the middle and back of church.
- Anyone that would like to wear a mask to the service is encouraged to do so.
- Anyone that is feeling ill is encouraged to stay at home and take part in the worship service online.

Things may feel a bit abnormal for some time, but rather than focus on the differences, let's strive to focus on what remains the same! We still have the unchanging word of God, the blessed hope of eternal life, and the wonderful blessing of Christian fellowship which serves to encourage us on our journey through this life. May we each take up these guidelines with joy, considering the lives our fellow saints as more precious than our own.