

Dear Ambassador Family,

As was announced last week, we plan to begin gathering again for corporate worship starting with a morning **outdoor service this Sunday, May 24th, at 9:30 a.m.** We have been praying for and eagerly looking forward to this day for many weeks now, and to echo the words of Psalm 122:1, we are glad to say, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." We want to encourage all who are able to join together in this time of worship. However, we also recognize and respect that those with health risks, heightened vulnerability, or those who are still concerned with gathering in public, may choose not to attend just yet. The Session supports each person's decision as to what is wise and best for you and your family's circumstances in these unusual days. As of now, our plan is to continue meeting outdoors with social distancing measures, as we assess the continued risks and recommendations moving forward. For those who choose not to attend the outdoor worship, we will attempt to live stream the service for you to watch, and we will also provide the recorded service options for worship which we've been doing.

It is important during this time that we continue to practice social distancing measures and other recommended precautions. With this in mind, we ask all who attend to adhere to the following guidelines before, during and after the service.

- **Social Distancing:** Maintain at least six feet distance between you and others outside of your immediate household during all the time we're together. This includes children for whom we ask parents to take special care to see that they keep that distance.
- **Face Coverings:** We encourage, but will not require, the use of face masks, as we will be outdoors and practicing social distancing. Those choosing to wear masks will need to provide their own. If you do not have a mask and wish to wear one, please [fill out this form](#) and we will try to get one for you.
- **Hand Washing:** We will provide hand sanitizer at a table near the entrance to the property and ask that you use that (or your own) as you arrive for worship.
- **Restrooms:** We encourage everyone to take care of restroom needs prior to coming on Sunday. Entrance to the church building will be restricted, and bathrooms available only if absolutely necessary. In the event a restroom is needed, one person (parent must accompany a child) will be allowed in at a time with a building escort who will wipe down all surfaces used.

We will have a number of elders and deacons greeting and helping to direct you to parking and seating areas and ensuring we can safely distance.

Here are a few other important practical matters to remember for Sunday morning.

- **Arrive early:** Worship will start at 9:30 a.m. so please plan on coming extra early (no later than 9:15) so we have time to get parked, seated and prepared to start on time. In the event of rain, we will cancel the outdoor service and return to the online worship resources.
- **Seating:** Greeters will direct you to a marked off area in the parking lot next to the church where families can be seated together and properly distanced from each other. If you plan to remain in your car, you will be directed where you can park and still see and tune into the service.
- **Chairs:** Please bring your own chairs in order to minimize unnecessary touching of church chairs. For those who cannot carry or do not have chairs, we will have some available on request.

- **Bulletins:** We will have one page printed bulletins and children's bulletins which will be handed out to one member of each family by a greeter. Bulletins will be available online as well if you prefer to print your own or read from a device.
- **Children:** We will not have a nursery or Ambassador Kids programs. All children will remain with their family before, during and after service. Parents are encouraged to bring drinks, snacks or other items younger children may need. We will have a children's bulletin and individually wrapped crayon packs for young children if needed.
- **Fellowship:** We will not provide any coffee, water or refreshments before or after service and all gathering for fellowship on the grounds afterwards should continue with socially distanced measures.

Additionally:

- People should consider [CDC guidelines](#) regarding those who should take extra precautions in considering whether you should attend worship or stay at home and worship online.
- Please note YOU SHOULD NOT ATTEND IF:
 - You or anyone in your family is sick or have [COVID-like symptoms](#) currently or in the past two weeks.
 - If in the past two weeks, you or anyone in your family has come in contact with someone who has had a confirmed case of COVID-19 or you have reasonable cause to suspect you've been exposed.

While these guidelines may seem excessive, they are a means by which we heed God's call to be sensitive to the interests of others (Phil. 2:4), to be submissive to the governing authorities (Rom. 13:1), and to honor and care for one another in brotherly love (Rom. 12:9-13). Again, we know and appreciate that different people will have different circumstances as well as different perspectives and opinions regarding these times, and it is important that we extend much grace and exercise charity towards one another during this time of transition.

If you have questions or other concerns, please contact any of the elders. As well, thank you in advance for being patient, flexible and understanding as we navigate the way forward in these days. We rejoice at this opportunity to come again with joyful hearts to worship the Lord, so let us pray for good weather and for God to be glorified in and through His people at Ambassador.

On behalf of the Session,
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