



Seeds of Faith Community Church Covid-19 Preparations and Precautions for Worship Services

These are the preparations and precautions we are following to make sure our church building and our church family attending the worship service will remain as safe and Covid-free as possible...

1. First of all, we ask that those who fit into one of the following categories to please stay home and worship with us online.

- If you are a person who is in the “at-risk” group due to age or medical condition.
- If you have been experiencing **any** virus-related symptoms **in the last 7 days.**
- If you have tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days.

For those of you who do not fit into one of the categories above, but still choose to remain at home because you are just not comfortable attending our worship gathering together... I want to make sure you know that we honor and respect your decision to remain at home. None of us want for anyone to feel pressure, guilt, or shame of any kind if you choose to remain at home for the safety of yourself and/or loved ones.

Unfortunately, we do not have the capability of live-streaming a full worship service. However, **video equipment was generously purchased for us so that we will be video recording the full service and will be posting the service on our Seeds of Faith YouTube page as soon after the service as we are able.** Our hope is that you will be able to worship with us from home by 11:00 or 11:30.

If you will not be joining us at 9:30, you are invited to text in your prayer requests to me @ 605-310-6575 by 9:00(ish) Sunday morning to ensure that your prayer requests are included during the prayer time!

2. While we are excited to be together again, in-person, for a full worship service... we also have an extra responsibility to remain vigilant in our care and protection of our whole community while we worship together. For that reason, here are some of the precautions/preparations we will be enacting before, during, and after Sunday morning worship...

- To the very best of our ability, we will be maintaining our 6-feet of social-distancing...
- There will be no “fellowship time” (lunch or coffee) after the service.
- Everyone in attendance will be encouraged to return home promptly after the service.
- Every other row of chairs in the sanctuary will be closed and families will be asked to sit at least 6 feet away from other families.
- We will not have people come forward during our prayer time.
- Offering baskets will remain by the entrance doors of the sanctuary and will not be passed.
- The children’s bags will not be distributed. We apologize if you have children that enjoy these.
- There will be no Sunday School for children or adults.
- Nursery care will not be available.

3. These are the cleansing precautions being taken in preparation for Sunday morning...

- All counters, surfaces, and door handles will be cleansed before Sunday and, again on Sunday morning, I will make sure to cleanse all areas that may be used on Sunday.
- The only spaces that will be open for use on Sunday will be the entryway, the sanctuary, and the bathrooms. We ask that the nursery area, offices, kitchen, and basement remain unoccupied to maintain their cleanliness and safety.
- All these spaces and surfaces will be cleansed again following our worship service and we will repeat the precautions each week until the Covid-related restrictions are lifted.

*Because the church building has been essentially vacant for the last six weeks (and will remain so Mondays through Saturdays for the foreseeable future) our carpets and cloth chairs will remain as safe and free from concern as possible.

As excited as many of us are to worship together, in-person again... we need to remember that we, as a church family, are in this together...

- Let's be in prayer for each other, this country, and the world.
- Let's be present with each other by not dismissing what is happening all around us and what we all are experiencing separately, but together.
- Let's listen to what God is up to and what He is saying to us in this time of forced slowdown. Too often we are too busy to hear or notice God.
- Let's be humble...because we've been humbled. We are not invincible...we are not all powerful. Let us be reminded of Who is really in control of everything.

And, finally, let's be people of grace and mercy TO and FOR each other in this time. We all may feel differently about this whole ordeal, how it has been dealt with, etc. but let's remember that we are fighting through this TOGETHER. So, let's treat each other with love and compassion.

Unified in Spirit & Mission...

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