



CLEN-MOORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dear church family,

The time to gather again for in-person worship is just around the corner. Beginning **Sunday, July 5th at 10:30AM** we invite you to return to worship in our sanctuary. While the core convictions of our worship remain steadfast, precautions will be in place to keep folks safe and for peace of mind. This letter will help outline our plans to accomplish this, as well as the expectations of folks as we return. One of the first expectations is that if you do not feel well, please stay home! Also, if you do not feel comfortable gathering in person yet, know that our services will continue to be live streamed indefinitely so you can worship from home.

Know that space within the building will be restricted to certain areas to help with the amount of sanitization that needs to take place weekly. The rear doors of the Ebenezer wing that lead to the stairwell, the three narthex doors (main sanctuary entrance), and the wooden doors on circle drive will be the only available entrances. The hallway on the main floor of Ebenezer will still give access to the elevator for folks who need it. Other than the handicap accessible bathroom in the welcome center, the parlor and welcome center, including the glass entrance doors will be closed. Signs will be posted indicating areas that are closed as well as being roped off.

The doors will open at 10:00 AM and be propped open weather permitting. Through the rest of the summer we will not host in-person Sunday school classes for adults or children or have “children in worship” after the children’s sermon. Our online study on Romans will continue to be led by Stephen Cowher on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM via Zoom and Facebook live. Our goal is to resume these activities in the fall. The nursery and pre-k rooms will be staffed for our littlest ones during worship. Note that the pre-k room is now located on the top floor of the Ebenezer wing in the newly remodeled children’s area, just up the stairs from the nursery.

We ask that everyone wears a mask when they enter the building and throughout worship. There will be greeters at each door with hand sanitizer for you to use upon entering the church. To limit contact, we will not pass out bulletins. All worship information will be posted on the screen.

We will not be passing offering plates, so you will find offering boxes located in the sanctuary; one near either entrance by the chancel stage, and one at the narthex. You can place your offering in these boxes upon entering or as you exit. Pews will be marked and roped off to keep

folks properly distanced from one another. The balcony will be reserved as overflow seating and will only be used once the main floor has reached capacity.

The majority of the worship service will go unchanged. The announcements and gathering time will happen at the beginning of the service, because we will no longer have the “greet one another” time in the middle of the service. As already mentioned, we will not pass offering plates, so there is no offertory. We are discussing the best way to practice communion, and plan to resume in the fall.

At the conclusion of worship, we simply ask that folks do not congregate in the pews or the aisles. Doors will be propped open again, so you do not need to touch door handles. If you would like to chat with folks, please gather outside of the building. Pastor Aaron and Pastor Michael will greet folks afterwards and will be glad to chat with you outside as well (weather permitting).

Note that we are also investing in a fogging device that will be used to sanitize all areas weekly, and on weekends the church is used outside of Sunday morning worship (i.e. weddings, funerals). This is in addition to normal cleaning of the building.

Over time the plan described above may change. Of course, we all hope and pray for a day when much of this is unnecessary. In the meantime, please stay tuned to your email and Facebook postings as changes and updates come about. We are excited to gather again and are praying that God will use this opportunity for His glory.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Aaron, Pastor Michael, and the elders of Clen-Moore Presbyterian Church