

Worship in the Time of Covid-19

Guidelines for Safely Joining in Worship

The Session of First Presbyterian Church issues the following guidelines in an effort to provide an on-site, in-person worship service affording the congregation's safety and health:

Entering the Sanctuary:

Please enter the sanctuary and move immediately to take a seat in the pews that have been designated for occupation. You will find two bulletins in spots where it would be best for people to sit. Please maintain social distancing as you enter and as you sit. Please feel free to wear your mask upon entrance and while singing during the service; at other times, if you are comfortable, you can remove your mask. **Please turn off all mobile devices during your time in the sanctuary. Such devices adversely affect our ability to simulcast the service.**

Changes to the Service:

You will note that there are several changes to the worship service that reflect the shortened service that we have moved to for simulcast purposes and to reduce the amount of time that you are in the enclosed space of the sanctuary. We are sorry that some elements of worship must be postponed or removed during this time.

Offerings and Prayer Requests:

Please know that for your safety and for others, the deacons will not circulate through the sanctuary to take prayer requests or for the offering collection. Please notify the pastor of any requests by a phone call to the office during the week. Offerings can be left in the plate placed on a pedestal in the aisle of the sanctuary.

Exiting the Sanctuary:

Here you will notice quite a difference! Please remain seated through the service including the final postlude. Then, the pastor will release the pews beginning with the balcony and moving from the back forward. Please exit from the nearest exit and please do not stand in the doorways, but allow others the space to leave our worship safely.

Eliminations for Safety:

Unfortunately, for the foreseeable future, there will be **no Coffee Hour Service** and **no staffed Nursery available.**

The Session, the Board of Deacons and the Staff of the church thank you for your attention to these helpful guidelines. Together, we can stay safe and offer our thanksgiving to God as a gathered congregation!