

Transitioning to multi-platform church!

After two years of online-only worship services, we are in the process of transitioning to multi-platform church. This means that people have the option to attend in-person or online. The service on March 6th will be a multi-generational service, meaning that children and youth will sit with their households and remain in the sanctuary throughout the service.

A number of things have changed from “the way it used to be,” and Sunday mornings will not be “the same as always but with masks.” Many things have been done to increase everyone’s safety during Sunday morning. We will be publicizing all these changes and information for non multi-gen services and youth religious education over the next few weeks.

We are encouraging that all persons who are eligible be fully vaccinated. However, we will not be asking for verification of vaccination. A properly fitting mask worn over the nose and mouth is essential at all times. Entry into the church will begin at 10:10am. Greeters will assist everyone as they arrive and invite households in one at a time. Ushers will direct households to their seats. The sanctuary will be filled from front to back. Sanctuary chairs are arranged so that households can sit with distance between them and the next household. Coats and jackets should be taken into the sanctuary and placed on the chairs in the empty row in front of you or the empty chairs next to you. After the service, rows will be dismissed from back to front. Everyone should leave the building directly. Social hour will be outside as weather permits. (Social time will also be held from 11:30 – noon by Zoom for those who watch the service online.)

It will be a learning process for everyone as we return to in-person and multi-platform services and youth religious education. Along the way we will make changes to the routine and expectations as needed. Our ventilation system for the sanctuary was designed with five times the capacity of air movement recommended by the CDC. To make our space as safe as possible we are starting with the following precautions:

- Music will be a combination of live instrumental music and prerecorded vocal music.
- We will not be singing hymns aloud.
- Worship leaders will take a rapid Covid test the morning of the service and will not participate in the service if testing positive. After a negative test, they may remove masks when speaking (unless there are persons within a 6-foot proximity).
- No eating or drinking in the sanctuary.

We are beginning cautiously, and will adapt as conditions permit.

Looking forward!

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