

CPC Worship Guidelines for COVID -19

CPC will resume worship services this Sunday morning, May 24, at 9:30 am. In order to provide both a safe and sanctifying environment for worship we ask that you familiarize yourself with our guidelines below. We believe the guidelines represent the recommended practices outlined by Indiana State Department of Health and the CDC, while at the same time permitting the exercise of personal responsibility as we join together for worship.

Format: One Service

- Sunday Morning at 9:30 am.
- The Sunday Morning Service will be streamed on “Face Book Live” at 9:30 am.
- We have decided on Sunday since that best represents the Biblical pattern.
- One service will reduce the potential transmission of the Corona Virus.
- One service eliminates the need for staff and volunteers to prepare and be present for a second service.
- However, anticipating increasing attendance, the Session will begin a Saturday Evening service when the Sunday morning service attendance approaches our safe-distancing capacity.

Precautions:

- The Sanctuary will be cleaned before and after each service.
- Weather permitting; front doors will either be propped open or held for you.
- We will ensure six (6) feet between individuals or family units of the same households during services.
- We will use every-other row seating.
- The use of Facial Coverings for worship is optional. Individuals should practice whatever measures align best with their personal convictions based on facts and faith.
- Hand sanitizers will be in high-contact locations (e.g. bathroom, entry, exit). Everyone will be asked to sanitize his or her hands after entering the building.
- Signage will be placed at entrances informing staff, members, and guests to not enter if they are symptomatic or if they have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Water Fountains have been covered and will be unavailable for use.
- Restroom door handles have been changed to a “push” entry and “pull handle” exit.

Attendance:

- Since we are now planning for a single service we ask that you please inform the church office of your intention to attend. You may use the email sent for this purpose, or phone the church office with your decision.
- Following ISDH/CDC recommendations we encourage all individuals who are 65 and above or who have an underlying at-risk health condition to stay home and watch services online.

Childcare:

- Nursery and Children's Church are suspended until further notice.

Post-worship Refreshments:

- Refreshments are suspended until further notice.

Greeters:

- Greeters will function as door attendees to minimize multiple contacts on handles.

Offering:

- Offering plates will not be passed. Those attending may use one of the two receptacles in the rear of the sanctuary. *(You may continue to mail your offering to the church office.)*

Greeting Time:

- Formal Greeting Time has been removed as a part of worship until further notice

Communion:

- Communion Trays will not be passed. Participants will be directed to the Communion Table at the front of the sanctuary where elements will be double-cupped as a single unit. Cups will be spaced on the communion table for participants.

Worship Dismissal:

- Worship dismissal will be done by row: rear to front. Everyone will be encouraged to vacate the building as dismissed.
- We encourage any "post-worship fellowship" to take place in the parking lot while practicing social distancing.

Sunday School:

- Sunday School for all ages has been suspended until further notice.