



Letter #11 >> July 23, 2020

Dear people of God, securely known and named by Jesus Christ (see [Revelation 2:17](#)),

Grateful for the research and recommendations of the COVID-19 ad-hoc team, your council decided to resume holding a single **morning service** at **9:30am** beginning **August 2**. We are hopeful that we can return to our normal morning worship time while also diligently providing a safe environment to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

To balance both consideration for others and personal responsibility, council approved the following measures:

- We will continue cheerfully **welcoming you at the door** to reduce the number of surfaces you need to touch as well as ushering you in and out of the Worship Center.
- The two **middle sections** of the Worship Center will provide seating with **physical distancing**. The two **outer sections** will provide seating **without physical distancing**. We encourage those who are most vulnerable to infection to choose the middle sections. If you feel uncomfortable with the number of people in the 9:30am service, we remind you that the 6:00pm service typically provides ample physical distancing.
- We will reopen the **nursery** and encourage nursery workers to wear a mask. The nursery and its toys will be sanitized weekly and after each midweek usage.
- People are **welcome to gather** following our services. Please respect and give extra space to those who are vulnerable and may not yet feel comfortable in large groups.
- **Sunday School** and **Children's Worship** will restart in September. We will practice physical distancing as best we can. Teachers will receive directions for safe practices.
- **Youth ministries** and **adult faith formation groups** will also restart this fall. We will encourage both physical distancing and personal responsibility.
- You will find more bottles of **hand sanitizer** available throughout the facilities.

We also want to emphasize **personal responsibility** and ask for the congregation's co-operation:

- If you are sick, please stay at home.
- If you don't feel comfortable gathering in person, please connect through media.
- If you prefer to wear a mask, please do so.
- Please wash your hands well and often.

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We recognize it's impossible to guarantee you will not be exposed to the virus. Nevertheless, we feel the measures above adhere to the following **guiding principles** in which we perceive both wisdom and love:

- We value everyone's physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental health.
- We respect one another through our attitudes and actions even at points of disagreement.
- We are considerate of those who are the most vulnerable.
- Anticipating COVID-19 to be here indefinitely, we wish to be flexible as we move forward.

As we seek to be caring and careful, and as we look forward to fall ministries resuming, **we need your help**. Speak with a council or staff member if you can help with hospitality on Sundays, sanitize nursery items during the week, teach Sunday School or Children's Worship, lead in a youth or adult ministry, or lend a hand in another way.

Shalom,

Trinity CRC Executive Team