

# **CPC Church Opening**

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**After extensive research using CDC documents as well as a variety of Presbyterian Church documents, church music documents, and recommendations, a committee composed of six church officers has determined that the safest way to reopen our church must be done with great care. At this time, we see a multi-phase approach, with Phase One commencing on or about September 13<sup>th</sup>. Below are the guidelines for Phase One. Future guidelines will be determined depending upon the conditions in our area during the Fall. Please understand that the committee has spent all summer looking carefully and with sensitivity at this issue before recommending this plan to Pastor Anna and the Session.**

## **PHASE ONE**

### **SANCTUARY ACCESS AND SEATING ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AND OTHER SERVICES:**

1. Enter the Sanctuary through the Narthex using the assembly room stairs or front main doors.
2. All attending must wear a face mask throughout the service. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided. Everyone will also have their temperature scanned before entering the Sanctuary. Those with temperatures under 100.4 F will be welcome to attend.
3. Ushers will be available to escort you to predetermined pews.
4. Seating will be allowed only in pews that are not blocked with ribbons and only at the ends. Spacing has been determined based on 6' separation front, back, and diagonally.
5. There will be no printed bulletins for services. However, the weekly E-news will contain a downloadable bulletin. The Pastor will direct the service from the pulpit.

### **CONGREGATION INVOLVEMENT:**

1. The congregation will follow the service silently. Recitation and singing will not take place.
2. All Bibles and hymnals have been removed from the pews.
3. Please refrain from bringing personal items, including Bibles or hymnals, from home to church.
4. The offering will not be collected during the service. Offering plates will be available in the Narthex for you to place your offering as you enter or exit the Sanctuary.
5. Communion will not be served during Phase One until guidelines have been developed by our Presbytery.
6. Sunday school will continue to be held remotely at 10:00 AM. The church service will be streamed via FaceBookLive beginning at 10:30 AM.

### **MUSIC:**

1. There will not be a full choir during Phase One in order to maintain social distancing.
2. The Music Director will select person(s) each Sunday who will sing hymns and other musical selections. The singers will be seated in the Chancel at safe distances from one another, the Pastor and the Organist. Singers will perform at a safe distance from the congregation.
3. The Bell Choir may perform from time to time. The Bell Choir members will be masked and at a safe distance from the Pastor, congregation and each other.

### **CONCLUSION OF SERVICE:**

1. Once the Pastor has concluded the benediction and the music has finished, the congregation will leave the Sanctuary beginning from the back pews and concluding at the front.
2. Please maintain six feet of distance from each other as you exit the Sanctuary and church.
3. There will be no Coffee Hour during Phase One.

**Your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.**