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Greetings, Ayden Christian Church!

Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

We are now in the midst of Holy Week and would like to pass along some information about the upcoming Easter Service. You may be pondering whether to attend the service or wonder if it is even safe for you to do so. Those are questions and concerns for you to answer, however, we hope the following information will be helpful as you make your decision.

Ayden Christian Church will be holding an in person Easter Service at 10:00 a.m. this coming Sunday, April 4, 2021. The NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) updated information and seating capacity recommendations for Places of Worship and Religious Services on 3/26/2021. The recommendation is 50% of the stated fire occupancy capacity. ACC's stated fire occupancy capacity is 266, therefore, our 50% would be **133**.

ACC will follow the DHHS recommendation and hold our occupancy capacity to 133 persons for Easter Sunday. The DHHS guidelines also recommend wearing masks, six feet social distancing, limited movement and hand sanitization. ACC will continue to follow these guidelines including Easter Sunday. We believe ACC has been successful in holding in person services, without facing a COVID-19 outbreak, because of our commitment to maintain these protocols. It will be a joy to see everyone and a great day of worship in the house of the Lord. Please maintain social distance and refrain from shaking hands and hugging; elbow bumping is our current expression of embrace.

Should you choose to attend and have not been to ACC in a while, you will see and experience some changes. Adults and children over 3 years of age are required to wear a mask at all times while inside the building; masks are available if you forget yours, as is hand sanitizer. Upon entering, you will pick up an All-in-One communion cup in a sealed bag and a bulletin, then enter the sanctuary. The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. Place your offering in the plates at entrance or departure. Gratitude Jar offerings are to be put in an envelope, marked Gratitude, and placed in the offering plates.

Once you enter the sanctuary and are seated, please refrain from moving around. If you need to use the restroom, please feel free to do so. The order of service has been designed so that there is minimal movement. Once the service concludes, please exit the building directly and safely, refraining from hugging, hand shaking and huddling in groups.

We are excited about worshipping together Easter Sunday. The joy of the Lord is our strength at all times and especially during a pandemic. Whether you choose to worship in person or at home, let us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior together. Amen.

Peace be with you,

Craig Buck,
Chair, General Board

Darlene Smith-Worthington
Vice Chair, General Board

Rev. Susan Addams
Interim Minister