

Email sent to congregation June 8, 2021:

To: FPCH Members:

**GOOD NEWS:**

**SUNDAY SERVICE IS NOW TRULY OPEN BEGINNING THIS SUNDAY. WE MISSED YOU AND WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ALL SUMMER. SERVICES WILL BEGIN AT 10 FOR JUNE AND 9 FOR JULY AND AUGUST.**

The Session has approved the new Sunday Service Policy from the Worship Committee and the Presbytery has agreed.

The main points of the **attached** Policy are:

Masks are not required for vaccinated people. We will use the honor system. No judging,

No preregistration.

No temperature checks.

The balcony is open to all.

We will still have social distance seating.

The CDC requires masks to be worn when singing.

Communion will continue to be bring your own bread only.

The attachment to email is below.

## FPC of Hackettstown Policies for Sunday Services



In order to meet State and Presbyterian requirements the following policies have been established and MUST be adhered to in order for the church to be open to the public for Sunday Worship:

1. If you have a fever, or don't feel well, or have been in contact with anyone who has been tested positive for Covid-19, you may not attend in person worship.
2. Masks are optional. Please be kind to those who still want to wear masks.
3. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the back door.
4. The rear door (ramp) will be the only entrance and exit to the sanctuary.
5. Doors will open at 9:40 am in June and 8:40 in July and August.
6. A greeter will be at the back door.
7. Pews have been color coded for social distancing. Balcony will be open. Office and youth room will be closed. No socializing with other worshippers in the building. You may socialize in the parking area.
10. Phones MUST be left in the car and/or turned OFF (not just silenced) to allow for Live Streaming. Live Streaming will continue going forward.
11. No food or beverage allowed in the sanctuary.
12. A copy of the bulletin will be available on the front. If you take a copy you MUST take it home.
13. Bibles and hymnals will not be provided. All hymns and scriptures will be printed in the bulletins.

14. Children MUST remain seated with their family. A children's message will be provided for the children who will remain seated with their families during the message. There will be no Sunday school classes or Sunshine "busy bags" provided. If parents wish to provide activities for their children (coloring books, etc.) they must provide them and take them home following the service. No electronic devices can be permitted (i.e. ipads) due to interference with the Live Streaming. Children under the age of 10 needing to use the bathroom must be accompanied by a parent.
15. An offering plate will be available at the entrance of the sanctuary. No collection will be taken during the service.
16. Hymn Singing and soloist will be allowed but a mask must be worn during singing as per the CDC Guidelines.
17. Worship Leads permitted (Worship Lead, Pastor and Organist will remain socially distanced on the dias).
18. Microphone sharing will be permitted, but they must be cleaned with sanitizing wipes between use.
19. Communion will be BYO-NO exceptions. Only bread at this time. No beverage of any kind until further notice. Sign of peace will be given by putting your hand over your heart.
20. A outdoor TLC (Tea, Lemonade and Cookies) hour following service on the first Sunday of the month will be provided.
21. No guest gift bags, envelopes or visitor cards will be provided.

**As long as ALL the above policies are adhered to and we comply with the state capacity and distancing guidelines we will remain open for Sunday Services. Adjustments will be made to these policies as needed.**