

FPC of Hackettstown Re-Opening Policies



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

Attendance NOT to exceed 50 people.

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. Anyone wishing to worship in person MUST call the office to pre-register by Thursday preceding the Sunday that they wish to attend. The Church Administrator will maintain a spreadsheet of those who will be attending and a number of attendees.
3. Those wishing to attend must pre-register weekly-there will be multiple registration permitted.
4. Everyone attending MUST wear a mask, covering both mouth AND nose at all times. If you have forgotten your mask one will be provided.
5. Hand sanitizer will be provided by the back door.
6. Bathrooms will be open and sanitizing wipes will be provided to allow items to be wiped down before and after use.
7. The rear door (ramp) will be the only entrance and exit to the sanctuary.
8. Doors will open at 9:50 am and will be locked at 10:05 am. Please plan to arrive between those times.
9. A greeter will be at the back door to take and record temperatures and check the registration list. Those on the list and with temperatures below 99.6 will be allowed in.

10. You will be instructed where to sit. Pews have been color coded for social distancing. Balcony, 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 pews. 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 box 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 (mask and social distancing permits).
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. At the end of the service, ushers will dismiss congregants by pews to allow for social distancing. Please wait to leave until your pew is dismissed, and exit the building promptly using the ramp door only.
21. No coffee hour following service.

22. 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.