

Shawnee Presbyterian Church Safety Guidelines

3/28/2021

Welcome to Worship!

Please accept personal responsibility for following these guidelines out of respect for your sisters and brothers in Christ. If you feel ill or believe you may have been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home.

The Reopening Committee is following guidelines from the CDC, PA Health Department, and Presbytery while developing a plan that allows our congregation and community to gather for worship in a safe and responsible manner.

Masks/Ventilation

- **Worshippers must wear a mask from arrival to departure.** This is a sign of love and respect for one another.
- Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the door.
- Doors and windows will remain open year-round, weather permitting. On days when the weather is below 50°F (10°C), windows will remain closed. Please dress accordingly.
- Worshippers who cannot or will not wear a mask are encouraged to remain at home and view the service when it is shared online.

Arrival & Seating

- Doors will be opened half an hour before the service begins.
- Worshippers sharing a sheltering connection (families, households, etc.) may sit together. Otherwise, please observe 6-foot distancing from other worshippers.
- In accordance with current recommendations on exposure time, efforts will be made to ensure that the service does not exceed 45 minutes.
- **If you will be coming with 5 or more people and wish to sit together,** please call the church office at 570.421.5518 so we may plan seating for your group.
- Please remember to maintain social distancing inside the church and in the parking lot.

Worship

- **Two services will be offered on Easter Sunday, at 6:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** Congregants are asked to choose only one service to allow us to stay within our current maximum occupancy of 50 people. Both services will be identical and will be held indoors. No breakfast will be served.
- Communion is held on the first Sunday of each month. SPC provides individually packaged wafers and juice.
- You are encouraged to pack a Worship Kit with the essentials you need to feel safe and enjoy worship. Your Kit might include hand sanitizer; wipes; a Bible (all Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews); Communion Host if you do not wish to use the pre-packaged wafers and juice provided by SPC; and bottled water.
- Limited congregational singing with masks will take place.
- Sunday School will not be held. Online options are offered.
- Please contact the church office if you need information on procedures to follow for events such as Baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

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