

## What's New (updated 5/17/2021)

### Next Steps for resuming in person activities and small group gatherings:

- **Masks.** May 23 we will shift to "Follow CDC Guidelines." Volunteers and staff will continue to wear masks. Staff will wear masks until they are at the pulpit area for participation in the order of service. Office staff will wear masks until the middle of June, but will have masks when someone enters the office.
- **Physical Distancing.** Only the north wing of the sanctuary and the overflow areas will be set up for physical distancing.
- **Singing.** Congregational singing will resume at the May 23 worship service. We suggest that everyone who sings consider wearing their masks.
- **Small Groups/Sunday School.** Sunday School and smaller group in person gatherings will be able to resume beginning May 23 with classes beginning at 9:00am. Everyone will be asked to adhere to overall church protocols such as "Follow CDC Guidelines." However, we expect each class to develop best practices in coordination with Glenn based on the makeup of each unique class. Check with your Sunday School teacher to determine if your class is meeting and what protocols will be specific to your class. An example is that some classes will remain online only or some classes will meet at another time or day before worship.
- **Youth and Children's Classes.** Preschool, Children, and Youth classes will resume on May 23 at 9:00am. Transitional plans include some combined classes with a goal of regular class structure by promotion Sunday in the fall. Teachers and volunteers will wear masks. (Note: Children's Church will resume once we have a definite pool of volunteers.)
- **We will review dates and guidelines the second week of each month, relying on local and state data and ADPH guidance.**
- **Note for Small Group gatherings.** The following are some of the options we will consider with each group and class: meeting outdoors when it's good weather, meeting inside without masks when the entire group is fully vaccinated, plans to accommodate visitors who may attend a class, rotating use of the few larger rooms that allow for adequate physical distancing if needed for individual classes (note we do not have enough of these to accommodate all the SS classes every week, so we may need to develop a rotation schedule particularly for larger classes), in home gatherings where everyone is vaccinated. We will also be testing hybrid classroom technology during the summer so people can gather in person and online to participate with their small group or class. Our long term plan is for every small group/Sunday School class who chooses will have the capacity to host attendees both online and in person by August 1.

## Protocols and Expectations for Worship

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### Protocols

- **Limited Seating—** We have designated seating to allow for physical distancing in the north wing of the sanctuary and in the overflow spaces. You will notice the spots marked by small ropes. If you have more than four in your group, you will simply drop the rope and no one will sit on the same pew with you.
- **Overflow Seating—** The Youth Room is ready for overflow seating where you can worship with others as the service is streamed to the (upgraded) big screen. Staff ministers will be with you.
- **Entering—** All entrances to the sanctuary will be open beginning May 23.
- **Greeters—** Our greeters will be on hand to assist you with seating. They will also direct you to our overflow seating areas as needed.

- **Arrival**— We ask you to consider arriving early to be sure we can take our time with entering and seating.
- **Worship Time**— We will begin worship and live streaming at 10:30am.
- **Hand sanitizers**— A touchless sanitizer is available in the foyer entrance.
- **Sunday School**— Classes are ready to resume in person on May 23 with Sunday School beginning at 9:00am. (Please check with your teacher for guidance on what your particular class will be doing).
- **Staying Home**— If you are high risk or simply desire to stay home during this time, we understand. Please do so and enjoy our live stream worship service on YouTube.
- **When To Stay Home**— If you or members of your household have signs of sickness or if you have been in close contact with anyone who is sick, we ask that you stay home and enjoy our service online.
- **“Follow CDC Guidelines” beginning May 23**— The proper use of facial masks covering nose and mouth is recommended for anyone ages 3 and up, and for those who are not fully vaccinated, but see the new guidelines for those who are fully vaccinated.
- **Air Circulation**— We will open the sanctuary doors to aid in air circulation or we will adjust the air controller units according to guidance from the ADPH and CDC.
- **Restrooms**— All of our restrooms will be open. We ask that children be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

#### **What to Expect in Worship**

- **Video Screens**— We have screens that will show many of the things you have seen from the online worship experience such as scripture and missions moment videos and sermon material.
- **Music**— We will resume congregational singing on May 23. We suggest that you to wear a mask if you are singing.
- **Nursery**— The nursery will be open for infants to age 3. We also welcome you to bring your children to sit with you during worship.
- **Greeters**— Our greeters will be on hand to assist you with entering, finding a seat, and exiting if you need them.
- **Offering**— We will not pass an offering plate at this time. Receptacles will be available as you depart worship near the exit doors at the Foyer and Gathering Area and in the overflow seating areas.
- **Pew Materials**— There will be no bulletins, pew pens, books, Bibles or hymnals in the pews until June 20.
- **Physical Distancing**— We encourage you to maintain physical distancing. We know some of you will be excited and wish to hug your neighbor or offer a handshake. We are simply asking you to maintain your distance, engage in conversation, say an encouraging word, but maintain your distance. It’s frustrating we know, but it’s for the good of our people.
- **WiFi available in worship spaces.** The network is named “Trinityguest”. Password is “WelcomeAll”