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Dear Faith Family,

As you know we are happy to offer “in-person” worship on Sundays at 9:30 again for those that choose to attend. As cases continue to rise and the CDC continues to strongly recommend many of the measures we have in place, Council feels an additional responsibility for our entire Church Family’s safety. Council met this week and decided to reinforce the following guidelines previously sent out with a few updates. The original communication will be included with the updates for reference and reminders below:

1. A limited number of order of worship/notes papers will be printed and placed on the tables outside the sanctuary.
2. The nurseries will be open for members to use but will not be staffed.
3. Masks are required when entering, exiting, and SINGING. Council strongly recommends masks for the safety of others, not just for yourself. Members are encouraged to bring their own masks, but disposable masks will be available.

Thank you for complying with all guidelines and respecting the safety of your Church Family. We know there is a wide range of opinions on how to navigate during this pandemic, but ultimately know and trust God is fully in control of the situation.

Faith Church Council





From Council attached as additional clarification/ support/encouragement
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Dear Faith Church Worshippers:

As you know, we are eager to begin “in-person” worship again this Sunday at 9:30 AM. To make this experience as safe as we know how, and based on the information available at this time, we are establishing the following guidelines for all those who plan to attend:

1. We ask that you respect all the safe distancing guidelines we all have heard so much about.
 - The front doors of the church will be open or opened for you by one of the elders.
 - We encourage you to wear a mask as you enter church and as you are ushered to your seat by the elders. (Some masks will be available at the door for those who do not have them.) Seats are intentionally marked to keep close to a six foot distance between you and other worshippers. Families will, of course, be seated together occupying the ends of the pews.
(Both ends of our pews can be used if family size allows).
You may adjust the space between you and other worshippers to allow for the greatest amount of distance possible.
 - As you enter the sanctuary you will be allowed to choose a seat near where you are used to sitting in worship. But, again, wear a face covering as you pass by other worshippers already seated.
When you are seated you may remove your face covering.
 - When the service is over you will be instructed to leave the sanctuary from the back first. An elder will dismiss you by row (just like a wedding!). You will be asked to go directly outside. No loitering in the narthex please!
If you wish to visit outside please do so at a safe distance.
No coffee will be served at this first service.
2. The offering will be received as you enter or leave from the service with the offering plates placed near the sanctuary doors.
3. Singing aloud will only be allowed if you cover your face with a mask. You may hum or just meditate on the words of the song without face coverings.
4. We ask that you do not touch the Bibles or hymnals in the pew racks. All words for songs and scriptures will be projected on the screen.
5. Bulletin information and Children’s Bulletins will be emailed to you. Nothing will be handed to you at the door.



6. Please do not use any other part of the building other than the sanctuary. Water fountains should not be used (bring your own water if needed). Rest rooms should be used sparingly. Lower rest rooms should not be used.
7. We will not be celebrating communion for a few weeks.
8. We will be continuing on-line services indefinitely.

General requests for all participants:

If you or a family member is not feeling well, please stay home.

Even if you are not afraid of being infected or are doubtful of the need for all the above rules, please honor those who are being careful.

We hope you can still worship in meaningful ways even under these restrictions. We pray for a return to normal as soon as possible. Be thankful for small steps forward!

Be patient, be safe and be blessed;

For the Elders of Faith Church
Pastor Dale Slings