



COOKS CREEK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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In-Person Worship Procedures Starting September 20, 2020

We are excited to welcome you back to in-person worship! We are one church with multiple ways to engage. During this pandemic, it is certainly the case that engaging in our worship in one format is not better or worse than another. Please make safe and wise decisions for yourself, your family, our congregation, and staff. The following is an outline of our procedures and is as comprehensive as possible. By attending in-person worship during this time, you are acknowledging that you are aware of these procedures and consenting that you will abide by these procedures. We ask for your grace and patience as your brothers and sisters in Christ help make our in-person worship possible.

Masks: We ask that everyone aged 10 or older coming to our church building wear a mask for the duration of their time in the building. At this time, if you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask for the duration of your time here, we ask that you continue engaging our worship virtually.

Social distancing: Social distancing (staying 6 ft from others) is expected at all times.

Arriving for worship: From September 20 through October 4, please do not plan on entering the building until 10:15.

Entering the building: The main entrance (glass doors) will be available to enter the building. Greeters will open the door for you and will be wearing masks and gloves.

Making your way to the sanctuary: Common areas and hallways will not be available for socializing during the first few weeks. Please plan to enter the building and proceed directly to the sanctuary to find your seat.

Hand sanitizing stations: Automatic hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the building and are available for your use.

Restrooms: Restrooms on the main floor will be open. Extra cleaning/sanitizing supplies are available in the restrooms.

Sanctuary seating: Every other pew will be available for seating. Pews available for seating have the cushion completely on the pew. Pews unavailable for seating have the cushion folded over. Please keep six feet between your group and another group in the pews. We expect that our sanctuary capacity will be between 60-80 people depending on family groups sitting together.

Overflow capacity: If the sanctuary reaches capacity, you will be welcomed in the fellowship hall where the worship service will be livestreamed using our audio-visual system in the fellowship hall.

Worship leadership: Pastor Seth will lead elements of worship from the pulpit only and will not wear a mask when at the pulpit for sound quality. Others may be leading elements of worship from the floor at the front of the sanctuary and may remove their face masks while leading the element.

Singing: Sarah and Teresa will lead our music from the balcony via our sound system. All are encouraged to sing along while wearing their masks. Sing loud!

Kids: We love kids! We will have a children's message each Sunday but as we come back, children will remain with their parents in the pews for the children's message. We will not be printing kids' activity sheets or providing pencils, crayons, etc., for the sanctuary. However, we will email our activity sheets for you to print and encourage you to bring your own pencils and crayons.

Printed materials: No printed materials will be available. This includes printed bulletins, hymnals, materials in the pews, or children's pages. We will use our screens for our liturgy and singing.

Offering plates: Offering plates will be placed outside the sanctuary.

Communion: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on October 4 in celebration of World Communion Sunday. The elements will be available in the self-contained cups we have been using for drive through communion at the front of the sanctuary as we celebrate during worship. In-person worshippers may come forward to get the elements and partake in the sanctuary or later in the day. We will also offer drive-through communion on October 4 from 12:00-1:00.

Nursery: From September 20 through October 4, the nursery will be open from 10:15 to the conclusion of worship.

Water: You are encouraged to bring your own bottle of water which you may bring into the sanctuary. The water fountains and the kitchen are closed.

Food and coffee: There will not be coffee or food served.

Kitchen: The kitchen is closed.

Upstairs rooms: From September 20 through October 4, the upstairs rooms of the church are closed.

Exiting: Worshippers are encouraged to exit the building through the single sanctuary exterior door, double sanctuary doors in the narthex, the white CE wing doors, or the main entry glass doors.