

# THE LIVING ROOM

## INFORMATION ABOUT REGATHERING

By regathering and opening our services to the public, we have diligently considered the risks associated with holding in-person services. We have also considered the risks of not reopening and thereby providing an opportunity for those who know the risks and make the choice to attend. Both options have risks.

Based on these risks, consultation with multiple churches, and diligent research of health recommendations, here are some details on how we will regather.

### When will we start gathering again on-site, and what will this look like?

- We will resume on-site gatherings July 21 at 7pm.
- Live streaming of the service will continue via all current platforms.
- Persons at risk due to age or underlying health conditions, persons whose occupation includes at-risk exposure, or if you or someone in your household has been exposed and those who are uncomfortable worshipping on-site are encouraged to engage with our Digital Ministry by attending online services.
- If you or a house hold member have a fever, cough, or are not feeling well, or, if in the past two weeks were exposed to someone with signs of COVID-19, **please stay home!**
- Registration will not be required to attend a service. However, we do have a limited number of seats in the main auditorium due to social distancing guidelines. There will be overflow seating available outside of the main auditorium.

### Are congregations legally permitted to gather?

In Pennsylvania, churches have been labeled essential and were never required to close or to remain closed. Most churches moved from gathering on-site to gathering online to serve the community and do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.

### How will social distancing be encouraged?

- We're asking attenders to practice social distancing on the campus and respect each other's personal space.
- Please respect others who might feel more strongly than you about social distancing. Some have valid concerns you may not be aware of.
- Attenders will be seated in every other row, allowing two seats between family groups or non-family members.
- We request no hugs or handshakes.
- At the dismissal of the service, respect the people around you and social distance as you leave. If you are comfortable chatting with one another, we encourage you to do so outside the building.

### Will I need to wear a mask?

The Governor has mandated that wearing a mask is required in public spaces. Because of this, we highly recommend that everyone attending our in-person gatherings wear masks when they are unable to practice social distancing.

### Have any changes been made to create a touch-free environment?

- We have created a touch-free environment as much as possible:
  - Entrance doors will be opened for you.
  - No greeting times
  - Stationary offering boxes will be located at the back of the auditorium.
  - Enhanced cleaning protocols will be practiced during this time.

### Facilities Information:

- Water fountains are closed. Bottled water will be provided.
- Currently we will not be serving coffee at Center square.
- Seating is limited due to social distancing.
- Our facility is large and the air system utilizes a flow of continuous circulating fresh air.

### Guest Service Information:

- Entrance doors will be opened for you.
- In the main auditorium we ask that you fill in the center seats first.
- Coffee is not available at this time.
- Prayer ministry will be made available after the service. Our Prayer Team volunteers and staff will be wearing masks.
- Connections will be open with safety protocols in place.

### What preparations have been made to the building/campus to prepare for regathering?

The following preparations have been made within our church building in accordance with CDC guidelines:

- We have increased the number of hand sanitizer (alcohol-based) stations throughout the main building, offices, Kids Ministry areas, and added hand sanitizer stations in Legacy, Heritage, and Fireside.
- Hands-free paper towel dispensers have been installed in the restrooms.
- We have increased the cleaning of high-touch surfaces, high-trafficked areas, meeting spaces, and furniture.
  - Examples of frequently touched surfaces and objects that will need routine disinfection following regathering are:
    - Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks, and touch screens.