

COVID-19 Pandemic In-Person Worship Plan for First Presbyterian Church, Kasson, Minnesota

Recommended by the Coronavirus Subcommittee:

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We will tentatively plan to begin in-person worship on January 17, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, cases in our area will be monitored by the Coronavirus Subcommittee and will adjust the start date accordingly.

Registration:

- We have the seating capacity for a total of 40 people in the fellowship hall and the sanctuary. Due to our limited number we will have a registration system in place.
- If you are interested in attending worship in-person, you can go to the church's Facebook page and click on the Sign-Up Form and register to attend. The Sign-Up Form link will also be emailed to you.
- If you do not have a computer or smart phone, please call 507-634-7481 and leave a message with your intention to attend worship by Thursday each week.
- Please indicate your willingness to be an usher as this is a vital role for our ability to be able to offer in-person worship.
- **For in-person worship to take place, we must have four volunteers available to help. These volunteers would assist with registration check-in and guide people to their seats. They would help dismiss people after the service as well.**
- **If we do not have four volunteers to assist with worship, we will not meet in person. The service will be pre-recorded and made available on our Facebook page on Sunday morning.**
- Communication about the status of volunteers will be communicated clearly to the congregation.
- In the event someone has not registered, if we have seats available, they are welcome to join us for worship. They will be asked to sign-in for contact tracing purposes and be guided by an usher to be seated.
- Everyone is strongly encouraged to register for worship because we only have 40 seats available in the space to meet the health department guidelines. We would hate to turn people away, but we will do so if we are at capacity.

- We will evaluate the need to register once we establish how many people will attend the indoor service.

Requirements for attending in-person worship:

- Wear a mask over your nose and mouth at all times.
- Maintain more than 6 feet from people not in your household at all times.
- Use hand sanitizer when you arrive and as needed.
- Affirm that you do not feel sick in any way.
- Affirm that you have not been asked to quarantine or have been exposed to COVID-19.

How worship will look different during this time:

- Offering plate will not be passed. The offering plate will be available at designated locations.
- 2 liturgical participants- pastor and musician.
- Service limited to 30 minutes to minimize time of exposure.
- (Short reflections instead of full-length sermons. No responsive worship elements.)
- No congregational singing. Music via organ/piano or another instrument.
- No hymnals or Bibles in pews.
- Children will not come forward for the children's time.
- Bulletins will be available so that you may follow along with the worship service.
- Restrooms will be open and available for use.

What to expect when arriving at church on Sunday morning:

- You will be greeted at the door (either front or back) of the church. If you do not have a reservation, you will be asked to sign in by an usher. Please do not congregate by the door while waiting your turn.
- The usher will help you find a seat that is safely distanced from others that are not in your household.
- At the end of the service, the usher will excuse each row to exit by the front and back doors.