

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 24, 2020

Dear Saints at Trinity:

First of all, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how much we appreciate your support, prayers, and patience during this unprecedented time.

Little did we realize how long this process would take when we ceased our regular church gatherings in addition to group events back in March. As you can imagine, the task of opening our church for services once again will take a lot more thought than closing things down for a while.

After prayerful and careful consideration, Session has decided to re-open our facilities to in-person worship and gatherings beginning October 1, with our first Sunday worship service scheduled for **10:00 A.M. on October 4** (World Communion Sunday). However, at this time, there will only be one combined-service in the sanctuary until further notice. Attached, you will find the plan we will be implementing here at Trinity. We do understand that several things will be different than before, but we do trust and pray any changes will be temporary. Our desire from the very beginning has been the health and safety of our members and attendees. This desire will continue to be the case as we move forward.

With that said, opinions are numerous on the best approach for this, and while a certain set of procedures work in one area of the nation, there is no guarantee it will work for where we are. We appreciate your prayers for all of us in leadership that we will be led by faith and not fear as we go through the process of re-opening our doors.

Some have said that “the church is the people and not a building” — While this is true in the strictest sense, the Bible also makes it clear that we are not to forsake assembling together (Hebrews 10:25). There is tremendous encouragement and help as the church meets together. The way this has happened for many years is at a building that is also called “the church.”

We understand not all will want to, or able to, come back in person for whatever reason, so we will continue to make worship services available online on Sundays at noon.

We look forward to seeing you in person on October 4, but please take some time to go over the enclosed guidelines. We will do our best to worship together again in a way that brings glory to God and encouragement to the believers. And, I might add, that we would see souls won into the Kingdom of God!

Yours in Christ,



Trinity Re-opening Guidelines

We all recognize because of the coronavirus there is a risk in gathering in large groups. While we as members of Trinity are anxious to resume face to face worship, each individual must evaluate their own health and risk factors. If you feel safe and comfortable, please join us in worship starting October 4 at 10:00 A.M. We will be following CDC recommendations — face coverings, social distancing, and use of hand sanitizers will be required. The following are additional information for gathering:

1. There will be limit access to front doors and doors adjacent to office only.
2. The entrance doors will be propped open.
3. All greeters and ushers will wear mask and gloves, and offer hand sanitizer.
4. The fellowship area will be closed (no coffee or snacks).
5. CLC will be closed.
6. There will be only one service.
7. We will only meet in the Sanctuary.
8. Every other row in the Sanctuary will be closed and taped off, or staggered.
9. Family groups will be seated together with six-foot distance between groups.
10. There will be no choir and no congregational singing until further notice.
11. Please do not use the hymnal or Bible from the pew rack during service (everything will be on the screen).
12. There will be no physical contact (hand shaking, hugs).
13. Disposable elements will be used during Holy Communion.
14. Hand sanitizer will be available in all restrooms.
15. The offering plates will be available at the exit doors.
16. Please adhere to 6-foot distancing rule when entering and leaving.
17. All surfaces will be sanitized weekly using an anti-viral fog.
18. All escort and safety personnel will be provided by session, deacon, and volunteer personnel.