

First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren COVID– 19 Mitigation Plan

March 25, 2021

Greetings Church Family!

We are excited to share that we will be returning to in person worship beginning this Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021. Much prayer and thought has gone into this decision. We understand that some may not be comfortable returning to in-person worship at this time, we look forward to seeing you when you do. Our plan is to still provide the message via our online platforms, Facebook and YouTube, and a link from our website. If technology works correctly, we will be showing the service via Facebook Live. The video will be uploaded to YouTube later on. Patience and grace are appreciated as we transition to this type of recording.

We are committed to the health and safety of all who enter this building. As we begin in-person worship services, we will take the following precautions to protect people.

- For right now, Sunday mornings will be reserved for worship only, and the hallway and sanctuary will be the only areas of the church used on that day. If you wish to Fellowship, please do so with recommended distancing or outside.
- Temperatures will be taken for all who enter, and anyone with a temperature over 100 will be directed back home to participate in worship remotely.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all who enter the building and also in the sanctuary.
- For the health and safety of those around you, please wear a mask. A mask will be provided for those who do not have one. Please wear a mask if you choose to sing.
- Families will sit together, but will sit 6 feet apart from other families. Over fill will be encouraged to sit in the Fellowship Hall.
- Worship may look a little different too. Information will be on the screens and music may be different for a while.
- Please, only one person in the restroom at a time. Please try to use the restroom at home beforehand.
- Pews will be taped off to ensure adequate distancing. Please **do not sit** on pews marked with a **Blue X**.
- Offering plates will not be passed, but will remain stationary in the back, so that people can drop off their offering.
- We will have communion. Anyone who wishes to partake in communion will be given a sealed communion cup with wafer. Please discard your cup and trash in a trashcan when you leave.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting will continue to occur.

Please, follow CDC guidelines and stay home if you don't feel well, wash your hands, and limit close contact with others.

The way things are in week one back together may be different than week two. We will adapt as we go, so bringing a compassionate and understanding spirit will help us all come into the presence of God joyfully.

