

Modifications to Gathered Worship

On Sunday May 31st we are going to resume in-person worship gatherings at Highview. As we head into the summer we will be offering two services each Sunday at 9:00 and 10:15. Below are some modifications we are making to our worship gatherings in order to follow CDC guidelines and promote safety during this season while we are still dealing with the coronavirus. Please keep in mind that these modifications will probably be changed as we adapt to the ongoing situation.

1. **Doors** – Doors to the entrance and worship areas will be opened by greeters and/or propped so that people will not have to touch handles or open and close doors.
2. **Entering/Exiting** – Attendees will be encouraged to enter through the main entrance and exit through the west entrance to help with the flow of traffic.
3. **Seating** – Every other pew will be closed, and attendees will be asked to maintain the CDC's social distancing guidelines (family units sit 6-feet apart). Overflow seating will be provided in the fellowship hall with a livestream of the service.
4. **Gathering** – Attendees will be asked not to congregate before or after the service in the narthex. Those who wish to visit with one another are encouraged to do so outside.
5. **Offering** – Plates will not be passed during the service. Offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary near the doors. Attendees are asked to place offering in these plates or continue to use online giving.
6. **Bibles/hymnals** – Bibles and hymnals will be removed from the pews. Attendees will be encouraged to bring their own Bible from home. Lyrics will be printed on the screen and distributed via a digital bulletin for those who are livestreaming.
7. **Childcare** – There will be no nursery, children's church, or Sunday school offered for the time being. Children who attend are welcome to worship with their families in either the sanctuary or the fellowship hall.
8. **Hand sanitizer** – Hand sanitizer stations will be placed at the entrances to the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.
9. **Sanitization** – The building will be sanitized before and after worship. Please let Katie know if you would like to help facilitate this (katie@highviewepc.org).
10. **Masks** – Wearing of masks will be optional. People are encouraged to consult the CDC guidelines as they determine what is most appropriate for their family.
11. **Social distancing** – Since we are seeking to follow the CDC's guidelines regarding social distancing, people are encouraged to refrain from physical contact (e.g. hugs and handshakes) for the time being.