

Instructions for the First Sunday Back
GCC, 5/14/20

1. *Prepare yourself, it won't be normal*
Due to State and Federal restrictions, our worship service will look a bit different. But please try not to let that distract your heart from what we are there to do. We don't see these restrictions lasting forever. We do trust that at some point, we will return to our normal worship customs.
2. *This is a Christian Liberty Issue*
If you are unsettled in your conscience about worshiping in the building, or even in the parking lot, then, by all means, stay home
 - A. There is risk involved. We can't promise you that there is not. But it is similar to the risk involved in going to the store, gas station, or Home Depot.
 - B. Please know that if you decide not to come for safety concerns, we totally understand and respect your decision.
 - C. Please consider staying home or listening to the service in the parking lot if you:
 - i. Are in a high-risk category:
 - aa. Respiratory issues
 - bb. If you are sick
 - cc. If you have a fever
 - dd. If you have recently travelled to another country or even state in the last 14 days
3. *We will begin meeting in the building for worship again for the morning service. The evening service is temporarily suspended until further notice*
 - A. Windows will be open in order to get a cross breeze going to circulate the air more efficiently. Though the weather should be pleasant, please bring a sweater or jacket if you are prone to getting cold in a room with open windows. After all, this is Virginia Beach.
 - B. We will be taking offering during service
The deacons will be coming around with large plastic bowls for you to drop your offering in. They will not be passing the bowls around.
 - i. If you would like to drop in your offering before service, the bowls should be on the communion table. If not, just give your offering to a deacon.
 - C. On communion Sundays, we will be taking communion with the pre-packaged communion juice and wafer cups. A deacon will hand you your communion set as you enter the building. If you are listening to the service in the parking lot, a deacon will hand you a communion set as you drive in.
4. *Six Seating Options for Our Morning Time of Worship*
 - A. In the sanctuary
 - i. Capacity in the sanctuary is limited to 91 people
 - ii. Seats will be set up in clusters. Find a cluster for your family unit, add or subtract a chair according to how many you need (deacons will be there to assist), and sit down and prepare your heart for worship.

- aa. Deacons have sent out an email asking if you will be attending in the building or in the parking lot. Please answer this email as soon as possible so that we may arrange the seating beforehand as accurately as possible.
 - iii. For sake of continuity and not recreating the wheel, that cluster will be your family cluster in our time of socially-distanced worship.
 - iv. Come early if you want to get a spot in sanctuary
 - B. In the Parking Lot
 - i. Those who will be listening to service in parking lot will need to park on the left side of the building (i.e., turn left as you come in and park on the side of the building that has the row of HVAC units).
 - ii. As you turn into the church grounds, there will be a deacon directing you where to go
 - iii. The service will be broadcast to FM 89.7
 - C. In Adult Classroom next to Pastor Josh's Office
 - i. We will have a radio in there tuned to FM 89.7
 - D. The Cry Room
 - E. The Nursery
 - F. The Hallway and Foyer
- 5. *Nursery Service will Not Be Provided*
 - A. But the nursery will be open if you need to take your child out of the sanctuary. The nursery items will be disinfected before and after service but not during service.
 - B. If the nursery is full, you may also take your child to the cry room, library, adult classroom or the hallway.
- 6. *Masks are Encouraged but not Required*
- 7. *Front and Rear Doors will be Open Before Service so that You Don't Have to Touch the Door Handle*
- 8. *A Brother and Sister will be stationed at the bathrooms disinfecting the door handles after each use*
- 9. *The Bulletin will be Sent out on the Listserv and will be Available on the Website*
 - i. If you want a physical copy, print one out at home and bring it to service or just look at it digitally on your phone or tablet.
 - ii. We will have a handful of bulletins available on Sunday morning for those who desire one