

July 22, 2020



Dear Members and Friends,

We are so grateful to announce to you that the timeline for regathering has been finalized! The Session has voted to resume **full congregational worship on August 23 for those who chose to return at that time.** The plan is for the church officers **only** (Session and Deacons) and their families to gather in the sanctuary for the service the week prior on **August 16.** We realize that the excitement of the doors being opened back up could entice many of you to want to come that day. However, we request that unless you are a church officer, that you worship from home with the on-line service. The purpose of this “soft opening” is to identify any issues we need to address before the rest of the congregation comes together the following Sunday.

As a reminder, we will be providing for you:

- A simple registration process for worship (it will be on our website & emailed weekly)
- An electronic version of the bulletin
- Entrances and exits with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Temperature checks with infrared forehead scanners
- Social distance floor and pew markers
- Ushers to guide you to ensure physical distancing
- Reduce worship time & certain aspects (singing etc.) to minimize time for exposure
- Pre-placed offering plates on Narthex tables for tithes and offerings

For additional guidance, we will send you a video showing the regathering process soon. Please also reference [our July 1 letter online](#) for additional requirements and protocols.

Also, we thank you for participating in our survey. The results indicated that most of you preferred to attend worship virtually for the time being, with about 40% indicating a willingness to return. Anticipating this, you will be able to worship with fellow congregants in real-time as the service will be livestreamed and still include slides of liturgy.

We thank you for your commitment to our ministry and pray for you as we anticipate coming back together.

Revs. Patrick and Sarah Dennis