

# Planning to worship in the sanctuary?

## Here's what to do:

*Following the protocols set out by the Session is more than just "obeying the rules." It's how we show that we care for the whole body of Christ, not just ourselves. By returning to the church building, you are agreeing to a covenant of behaviors that is designed to extend God's compassionate care to all worshippers.*

### Returning to In-Person Worship

As we return to a more familiar form of our worship service, we will gradually add in elements that have been missing due to pandemic protocols. This includes traditional communion service. During hymn singing, we continue to recommend masking. (See back of this flyer for more details.) *We ask for your patience as we reintroduce and reconfigure some elements of worship.*

### Practice Social Distancing.

Stay at least 6 feet away from others outside your household, both in the concourse and in the pews. We know you want to hug. Don't do it. Jesus should be able to lie down for a nap between you and the next person.

### If possible, continue to give *online*.

We will resume passing of the offering plates during worship. A lockbox will still be provided in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop your offering into as well, but if you are able to give online, that continues to be the easiest option.

### Turn off your Wi-Fi.

In order to preserve the most bandwidth for us to stream our service live to at-home worshippers, we ask you to turn off Wi-Fi on your devices during the service.

### Wear a mask inside the building if Johnson County indicates we are in the "Red Zone."

We will monitor metrics from Johnson County Government and when COVID positivity rates are 8% or above, we will require masks inside the GCPC facility; when below 8%, masks will be optional. We will have signage posted each week, indicating whether masks are required or not. This same guideline applies to groups meeting in the church at other times of the week.

### Sign in to Let Us Know You're Here

A QR code is provided in the bulletin for you to register your attendance each week. Please sign in whether you are worshiping virtually or in person.

### Prepare yourself for things to be different.

Basic pieces of our worship, such as shaking hands, will be missing. Beloved faces may be missing too. You may experience a variety of emotions from joy to grief to frustration. Extend grace to yourself, the leadership, and your fellow congregation members. This is hard, but God is with us, wherever we worship.

*Please refer to the back of this flyer for specific elements of our Sunday worship service.*



*Planning to worship in the sanctuary?*

**Here's what you need to know:**

**Safety Protocols for Our Worship Service:**

- The Offering will again be collected during the service. A locked box will continue to be available in the back of the Sanctuary where you can put your offering at the beginning or ending of the service if you wish.
- On Communion Sundays, we will resume passing the communion trays; disposable kits will still be available in the Concourse for those who wish to use this option. Disposable latex gloves will also be available. You are welcome to bring your own elements, but we ask that you do not share them with other worshippers.
- Hymn Singing: We continue to recommend masking during the singing of hymns, even on Sundays when masking is optional (when the local COVID positivity rate is below 8%). Singing is one of the more aerosol-generating activities, producing a potential spread of 77% more aerosols than when talking. However, masking and space greatly enhances the safety of singing together. (Sources: American Choral Directors Association and American Chemical Society)