

Redeemer Opening Plan

Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete. - II John 1:12

Why Reopen for Worship?

The Session wants us to be obedient to the call to gather together for worship of our Triune God. This is part of fulfilling the chief end of man: glorifying him and enjoying him forever. Also, God made us to be in community with others, and the body of Christ is one community we must be a part of.

Date and Time

We will re-open for worship on Sunday July 26th. We will have one service starting at 8:30 am. Please arrive at least 10 minutes before worship begins so we can help arrange everyone.

Our plan is to have a shortened worship service of about 30-35 minutes.

Location and Seating

We will meet in the grassy lawn behind the church. Our pastor will lead worship from out in the lawn facing toward the church. We will have printed bulletins with all materials including song lyrics.

Please bring your own outdoor chairs and find a place to sit in family groups that maintains at least six feet of social distancing between groups. We will have some metal folding chairs available at the back door of the church if you need one, but we strongly encourage you to bring your own, if able.

Please leave the covered part of the driveway behind the church for our more seasoned saints and parents with small children to have reliable shade. You are welcome to bring a canopy tent (the 10x10 size) if you want some shade or find a place under the trees. If you bring a tent, please come a few extra minutes early and set up in a way so you do not block the view of others. We will have a microphone and speakers so you should be able to hear from anywhere on the lawn.

If you wish to attend but prefer to stay in your vehicle, please contact one of the elders. We will see how many people request this option and how we can accommodate that.

Please follow directions from the elders and deacons regarding seating so we can maintain safety for everyone.

Lord's Supper

We will not celebrate the Lord's Supper yet.

Inclement Weather

If it rains we will cancel the live service. Please check the forecast if you are coming a longer distance. We will still record an online service and make that available.

Entering the Church Building

We will block off the classroom wing and the fellowship hall and turn off water fountains. The two bathrooms near the back door will be available, as will the larger men's and women's rest rooms. Parents: please accompany younger children to the rest room and walk them back out. We want to discourage being inside the building as much as possible. We especially want to discourage small children from going all over the building.

No nursery will be provided inside or outside.

Snacks/Coffee

We will not have our snack table or coffee. Please bring your own coffee or water bottle if you wish.

Dress

Please feel free to dress comfortably for being outdoors. Even Lee Nickles is not going to wear a coat and tie.

Personal Protection

Out of love for your neighbor and in submission to our state governing authorities, we ask you to do all the following for the protection of yourself and others.

We encourage you to wear a mask as much as possible before, during, and after worship. We encourage you to wear a mask when arriving and leaving. Once in your seats, we encourage you to continue to wear a mask. If you need to move away from your seating we encourage you to wear a mask.

Please follow social distance guidelines; stay approximately six feet apart from individuals in other family groups besides your own. Consider this when finding a seat on the lawn.

These things will be difficult for us. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. We encourage you to do your best to follow these directions and encourage younger children in them also.

Singing

When we sing during the service, we encourage you to sing with your mask on and not loudly.

Your Decision to Come

Your Session asks you to use wisdom to decide whether or not you should come join us for worship. We desire your good and know we all need to worship together, but we urge you to consider if you are in an at-risk category, if you do not think you can follow the guidelines, or if you have any other reason that may prevent you from coming safely. In normal times, we strongly encourage everyone to attend worship. However, these are not normal times. The Session asks that if you are not able to attend, we encourage you to contact one of us if you have any needs and how we can serve you.

Recording of worship materials will continue for those who are not able to attend.

Questions

If you have any questions about procedures, please contact Pastor Hansen.