



Return to Worship

First Christian Church has committed to following recommendations by Healthy at Church – Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Kentucky)

Return to worship date will be determined after a steady decline and no local spikes in Covid-19 cases in the two weeks leading up to tentative start date. The Task Force and Ministerial staff reserve the right to cancel services due to local/regional Covid-19 spikes and/or consistent increases in order to protect members and guests.

- **Masks** - As a **sign of respect** for each other and to **protect staff** and **every member** of our church family, **ALL** worship attendees over the age of 3 are **required** to wear a mask while in the church building.
- **Chancel Area**
 - Worship leaders (Ministers, Lay Leader, Musicians) only will be allowed in the chancel area and will be appropriately physically distanced
 - Vocalists and those playing wind instruments will be 10 feet away from others when performing, unless living in the same household
 - Hand sanitizer will be available in Chancel area
- **Choir** - No choir at this time.
- **Singing** - Singing is-temporarily suspended except from the Chancel by the Music Minister and/or invited vocalists
- **Sanctuary Seating**
 - The Task Force is recommending no more than 60 people (approximately 25% of capacity) in the Sanctuary
 - To maintain physical distancing, worshippers will be seated by ushers
 - Families who wish to return to worship will do so alphabetically according to the following schedule, beginning with a six-week rotation.

Six Sunday Rotation Schedule

Group #1: A-6, B-50, I-5 = 61 members

Group #2: C-32, D-11, E-7, T-10 = 60 members

Group #3: F-21, G-24, J-14 = 59 members

Group #4: H-26, K-7, L-21, N-5 = 59 members

Group #5: M-27, O-2, P-3, Q-5, S-23 = 60 members

Group #6: R-27, V-2, W-23, Y-9, Z-4 = 65 members

- **Health & Safety**
 - Attendees are encouraged to take temperatures before leaving home
 - Those with temperatures above 100.5 must not enter the building
 - Temperatures may be checked at the door

- Those who have been exposed to someone diagnosed with Covid-19 within the past 14 days or anyone with following symptoms may not enter the building: *coughing, shortness of breath, sneezing, chills, repeated shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste and/or smell and/or other symptoms as identified by healthcare professionals as indicating Covid-19.*
- Attendees are expected to sanitize hands from stations in the lobby before entering the sanctuary.
- Attendees are encouraged to use restroom at home before heading to church. Restrooms available for emergencies.
- Water fountains will be turned off.
- **Entrance and Egress**
 - Please arrive early to guarantee physical distancing seating
 - Entrance and Egress doors will be designated
 - For contact tracing purposes, a record will be kept of everyone entering the building; method TBD
 - Allow at least 6 feet between family groups while entering and exiting
 - At the conclusion of the service, ushers will control congregational exit one row at a time. Those in the Chancel area will dismiss last
 - Please maintain appropriate physical distancing after exiting the building
- **Communion**
 - Those who prepare Communion will wear a mask and gloves.
 - Communion will be conducted during the regular portion of the worship with the exception of consuming the elements. Prepackaged Communion elements may be picked up outside the Sanctuary after the service and consumed after exiting the building.
 - Communion and program waste will be placed in containers by worshipers as they exit the building. Please do NOT leave your waste in the building.
- **The Order of Worship** - Worship bulletins will be placed in seats before the service or handed out upon arrival.
- **Offering**
 - Congregation is encouraged to contribute offering via online giving or paper check through the mail (please do NOT lick envelope!)
 - A donation basket will be placed near the Sanctuary exit doors for cash or checks; please place donation in the basket as you leave the sanctuary.

Additional Notes

At this time, there will be no Sunday School, Worship & Wonder, Nursery or Fellowship.

As the state of Kentucky analyzes the level of the Covid-19 virus (up or down) after more openings in the upcoming months, the Task Force will reconvene and determine how to proceed on a consistent basis until we determine our New Normal.