



Faith Reformed

BOLDLY LIVING GOD'S WORD

Dear Faith Church,

In view of the recent Supreme Court decision not to extend our Stay-At-Home order, and consistent with other churches in our area, the elders have voted to regather for worship on May 31 at 9:00. This conclusion, along with the plans below, came after much discussion of what is best for the church and was not made lightly. As you will see, we are aiming to be safe without micromanaging individuals. Our desire is to let common sense and love for others prevail. Please take the time to read and be acquainted with the plan and safety measures we are adopting. We will have an elder and deacon helping to direct traffic as we gather, but the more we are each aware of these expectations in advance the more unity we will have on May 31.

We do understand that there will be different views on our timing as well as the safety measures below. And this is ok. The body of Christ is not made up of individuals who share the same views on everything, but we do share the same views on the most important things. Above all, we have a shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of sinners, who came "not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). And when we keep our eyes on our selfless Savior, who willingly "took the form of a servant," we will move forward in servant-hearted unity even as we have differing views.

Some will keep watching from home for a while, others will gather in person. Some will wear masks, others will not. Some will be perfectly happy with our guidelines below, others will wish they were different. But as we worship our God in the name of Christ, our deepest unity will not be in where we are or what's on our face, but in our shared faith in Jesus Christ and love for one another.

So in the days ahead, let us be committed to serving one another as Christ has served us. Let us "do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than ourselves" (Philippians 2:3). And as we navigate these chaotic waters in Christ, we will find our hearts increasingly knit together while our Savior is glorified.

In Christ,

The Session of Faith Reformed Church

Corporate Worship Plan

1. Worship will begin again at 9:00 with a slightly abbreviated service:
 - a. The offering will not be taken during the service but offering plates WILL be in the Narthex.
 - b. The children's message will not initially be offered.
2. Announcements will be led by one person rather than sharing a mic. If you have any announcements, please send/tell them to Jon Damkot or Pastor Zach before the service and we will make the announcement for you.
3. Nursery and children's church will not be offered at this time, but the nursery will be open as a cry room.
4. Bulletins will be placed in the pews prior to the service. Please take them with you and dispose of them after the service.
5. We will be providing a Zoom link for whoever cannot attend but would like to watch the service live. For any who are unable utilize Zoom, we will also be sending out a YouTube link later in the morning as we have been in recent weeks. We apologize for the change of format as we are now recording on Sundays. Lord willing, we will continue to learn how we might best accommodate everyone during this time.

Seating

1. Every other pew will be roped off.
2. As you take your seat, please allow additional space between family groups.
3. Extra seating with appropriate distancing will be provided in the Narthex and Great Room, with the service playing on the TV in the Great Room.
4. After the service, please allow for the row behind you to exit before your row, and then proceed outside. Pastor Zach will give some direction on this prior to the benediction. We recognize that this will be difficult as we are all eager for fellowship and will want to gather in the Narthex and Great Room! But for now, feel free to fellowship outside after the service rather than indoors.

Additional Safety Measures

1. Before and after service we will sanitize pews, bathrooms, doorknobs, light switches, and mics.
2. Church doors will be propped open before and after the service.
3. Sanctuary doors will remain open throughout the service.
4. All Bibles, Hymnals, Etc. will be removed from the pews.
5. We will not be providing coffee or refreshments at this time.
6. Hand sanitizer will be available in Narthex and Great Room.
7. Masks will be supplied for any who are in need of one as we gather.
8. Please refrain from handshaking, elbow bumping, hugs, etc.
9. Anyone experiencing signs of sickness should stay home out of love for others.
10. We strongly encourage the following groups to consider utilizing the livestream:
 1. Those who are older.
 2. Those with underlying health conditions.
 3. Those with very young children that might be unable to refrain from touching others.