

## Safe Re-opening Policy

Welcome Back! It continues to be our goal to look after everyone. We plan to provide hand sanitizer and a disposable mask for those who don't have one. Please note that these guidelines are set up to help us stay safe in this time of Covid 19. As times change, these guidelines will be reviewed and change accordingly. We thank you for your patience.

Our total capacity is 60 persons.

The Praise Team will walk up to the front of the church with a mask on. They will stand up front social distancing from each other and the Pastor. Singers will take off their masks and use a dedicated microphone for the service. When they go back to their seats, they will put their masks back on.

We will have Children's Moment. The leader will come up front with a mask on and will remove their mask when speaking. There will be a dedicated microphone for the children's moment speaker. Afterwards he/she will put their mask back on and walk to their seat. The children will not be asked to come forward; they will sit at their seats.

There should be No Nursery, Sunday School, GEMS, Cadets, or Youth meetings and this matter can be reviewed again in 2021.

If you have travelled outside of Canada we ask that you quarantine for 14 days. If you have a fever or feel unwell we ask that you stay home.

These suggested protocols are recommended by the Ministry of Health Ontario and are also in place by some of our CRC Classis churches.

When we are back to church we ask everyone to do the following:

1. All worshippers young and old are welcomed and encouraged to attend church in person. We do understand if you decide to remain at home due to compromised illness or if you feel unsafe to attend.
2. People will register to attend church by responding to the church office either with an email or telephone by Friday at noon. A questionnaire will be sent to everyone at the beginning of the week as a reminder to RSVP your seat in church.
3. Visitors will be asked a series of questions and confirm their answers by signing the questionnaire at the door each Sunday. Please note if we are at capacity visitors could be denied entry.
4. We ask that our older and senior people arrive at the church from 9:30 - 9:45 am and everyone else arrive between from 9:45 - 10:00 am.
5. You may use the elevator with the Elevator attendant with proper procedures in play and wearing your mask.
6. Worshippers are asked to come to church and park in the parking lot. We encourage everyone to social distance as they enter the building noting the markings on the driveway and side walk.

7. People must enter and exit the building wearing a mask. You must wear a mask at all times.
8. There will be an Usher at the back door directing people upstairs. There will be no access to the basement or mailboxes.
9. Use of the upstairs washroom only and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent. A washroom attendant will sanitize the washroom after each use.
10. It might not be possible to sit in your regular spot so we ask you to be flexible. The bulletin and order of worship will be placed in the pews to indicate where you can sit. At the conclusion of the service you will be directed by an usher on when to leave your pew and exit the church.
11. We will not be celebrating communion until we can develop a safe procedure to distribute and serve the elements.
12. There will be no hymnals, bibles, papers or offering envelopes in pews. Music and bible readings will be projected on the screens. You may bring your own bible but must take it home with you when you leave.
13. Those people who use a pillow, a bag will be provided for you to place your pillow into while not in use.
14. All personal belongings will stay with you, example coats etc.
15. Offerings will be taken as you come in or exit the church. Financial Ministry Plan (*budget envelope*) will be placed in the box by the church office. The second offering will be placed in the plate at the back of the church.
16. At the end of the service, an Usher will direct you when to come out of the pew. Everyone will be asked to leave the building and are encouraged to continue social distancing while in the parking lot until they reach their vehicles.
17. There will be no shaking of hands, coffee, tea or food served in the fellowship hall.