



Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share with you the latest on our efforts to begin physical worship services. After meeting with the elders, we have decided to start service on May 24. It was agreed upon by all the elders and me, that we WILL follow the guidelines recommended by the governor. You can find those guidelines here. <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/covid-19-guidance-for-faith-based-organizations> .

As we start back up, we are taking every precaution to keep people safe. To that end, we ask that those who are 65 and older and those with a compromised immune system remain at home. We will continue to carry the service via Facebook Live. We also want you to know that there will not be any Sunday school for children or childcare available during the service.

If you do decide to attend, you need to know the measures that will be put in place that have been recommended by the state.

- We ask that you maintain social distance, both during the service and as you enter and exit the facilities.
- Families will sit together. There will be at least six feet separating family groups from one another. An usher will seat you and dismiss.
- Masks will be required for those above 10 years old. You are encouraged to bring a mask from home. If you do not have a mask, we will have them available at church.
- Please check your temperature before you come. If you don't feel well or display any symptoms that you may be sick, we ask that you refrain from coming to church.
- During the service, we will not be passing the offering plate. It will remain in the back and you can give your offering as you leave.
- Initially, communion will not be offered. I realize this is a disappointment for many. As the situation evolves, the elders and I will reinstate communion as quickly and safely as possible.

Although it's not church how as we know it, we praise God that things are looking better. Remember that this is only the first phase in getting back to worship. As things progress, the elders and I will continue to assess our procedures and make changes to safely move us closer to the routines of our past.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Schmidt (479-268-0086)

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