

## Security Team Information and Procedures

Good news.... Fernwood will resume in-person worship services May 02, 2021 at 11:00am in the sanctuary. The deacons met April 5th and approved the following guidelines for our worship service. Live streaming of the service, as well as replay of the service online, will be available on the church website and on Facebook each week.

### What you need to know and expect as in-person worship begins

The safety of the congregation and staff are top priority. The following precautions are necessary despite the large number of congregants who have had the COVID-19 vaccine. COVID variant infections are still of concern, so we must proceed with caution.

1. Social distancing and masks are required; please bring a mask with you. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance to concourse. Children under five years of age are not required to wear mask. Initially, temperatures will be taken upon entering concourse.
2. Congregants will be seated by ushers. Members of the same household may sit together. Please consider alternate forms of greeting to your church family to avoid touching one another.
3. Childcare will be provided during worship service. Please contact the church office to inform nursery attendants of your childcare needs.
4. Unless you have received both vaccines, for your safety and the safety of others, please do not attend if you are immunocompromised or have poorly controlled chronic health issues (such as asthma, COPD, heart disease, prolonged use of corticosteroids, chemotherapy and other immuno-weaking medications). If you have any symptoms of COVID such as fever, chills, sore throat or shortness of breath, please stay home and get tested.
5. Doors will be opened 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the service. Pews will be roped off and greeters will direct you to safe seating. For now, pew materials will be removed from pews; therefore, bring your Bible from home or use your phone/ tablet to follow Scripture readings.
6. Offering plates will be placed near the doors so that you may give as you exit the sanctuary. You may also choose to give online.
7. No food or beverages will be available.
8. Music and choir transition will be directed by Stafford Turner within safety guidelines. There is a plan to transition choir members back into the worship service through solos and ensembles, as well as featuring handbell selections. At this time, there will be no congregational singing.
9. A deep cleaning and sanitizing of designated areas will occur prior to in-person services each week in addition to the normal cleaning service.