

Return to Worship at Second Presbyterian Church: What to Expect

We will hold outdoor worship services on June 28 and July 5 at 9:30 a.m.

For Outdoor Worship:

1. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket, we will meet under the large tree next to the playground.
2. Please leave six feet of distance between your chair or blanket and another family's space.
3. Wearing a mask or face covering when you arrive is required.
4. Unfortunately, no child care or Sunday school will be provided.
5. Do not expect to greet others without shaking hands or hugging, but be creative in finding new ways to say hello! A friendly wave works well.
6. Most importantly, if you have a fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, or feel ill, please plan on worshipping at home. We will also have our regular streaming service at 11:00 a.m.

Starting on July 5 at 11:00 a.m., we will open the sanctuary for those who feel comfortable attending in person, with continuing attendance in person from July 12 onward.

For Indoor Worship:

1. Remember, the safest place to worship still is at home, and we will continue to provide streaming services. Please make the right choice for you and your family.
2. Register through Evite (email invitation) for attendance in person (or call the church office by the preceding Wednesday) so we can plan to have space for everyone, or plan appropriate overflow space.
3. Pews will be designated for seating. Please sit where there is an open seat, which will be designated by a bulletin. Although members of the same household are invited to sit together, please sit six feet away from other families.
4. Although there will be no hymnals or pew bibles, you are invited to bring your own bible.
5. Just as with outdoor worship, wearing a mask from when you leave the car until you return to your car after worship is required.
6. Entry to the church will be through one door only, the door near the playground. You are welcome to leave using any door, though please be sure to close it behind you.
7. Unfortunately, we will be unable to have a fellowship hour, hymn singing, or child care until a later date.
8. As above, avoid shaking hands or hugging, but be creative in your greeting!
9. Also as above, if you feel ill, **STAY HOME!** Even if you are sure that "it's nothing," please be considerate of our members who might be vulnerable to illness or have preexisting health conditions.

What are we doing to make church as safe as possible?

1. You will see hand sanitizer and signs encouraging you to practice good hand hygiene.
2. We will be cleaning surfaces that are frequently touched and asking outside groups to do the same thing.
3. The church will follow the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health both for cleaning and sanitation, but also in determining our next steps in this "new normal."

We are a community of Christians who care about each other! Remember that we are all trying to look out for each other and do the right thing. Please remember to see others through the lens of grace, understanding, and patience. **WE MISS YOU!**