

Worship Regathering FAQ

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I WORSHIP IN PERSON?

Beginning Sunday, April 11, we will regather for worship at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

WHAT IF I'M NOT COMFORTABLE RETURNING TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP YET?

We completely understand! You are invited to worship online each Sunday at 10 a.m. via Facebook and YouTube. The online worship service is also available during the week on YouTube or fpcf.org.

DO I NEED TO REGISTER IN ADVANCE?

Yes, advance registration is required. You may register online each week at fpcf.org/worship or by calling the church office (817.335.1231). Registration will open the Monday of each week for the following Sunday. When registering, be sure to add all members of your household or other attendees onto the bottom of the form, so the church has an accurate attendance count.

WHAT IF I FORGOT TO REGISTER? CAN I JUST SHOW UP?

If there are seats available on Sunday morning, you may register in person with an usher prior to worship and sign the Covenant of Care. Seats may not be available on Sunday morning, so advance registration is strongly recommended.

WHAT IF I REGISTERED, BUT WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTEND?

Please call the church office (817.335.1231) to cancel your reservation and make your seat(s) available for another guest.

DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?

FPC is committed to the safety of our faith community and our neighbors. Properly worn surgical or cloth face masks are required for all church events and meetings, including worship. If you forget your mask, please check with an usher who will be happy to provide one for you.

WILL CHILDCARE BE AVAILABLE?

Children are invited to worship with their families. Childcare will not be available during worship.

WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT ABOUT WORSHIP?

Worship will be modified to maintain as safe an environment as possible. Capacity will be limited (120 in the Great Hall, 175 in the Sanctuary) to maintain social distancing between households, and services will last 40-45 minutes.

WILL WE SING HYMNS AND SONGS?

Music will be offered on behalf of the congregation by soloists and musicians. To minimize risk, congregational and choral singing is currently suspended. (You can always hum along, though!)

WILL WE PASS THE OFFERING PLATE?

In order to maintain as safe an environment as possible, offering plates will not be passed. You are invited to give online (fpcf.org/give), through the free ShelbyNext membership app, or drop your offering in the baskets available by worship entrances on Sunday mornings.

CAN I BRING MY MORNING CUP OF COFFEE TO WORSHIP?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and mask-wearing requirements, there is no food or drink at any gatherings, including worship.

WILL RESTROOMS BE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP?

Yes, restrooms will be available near the worship spaces.

CAN I BRING A FRIEND, FAMILY MEMBER, OR VISITOR TO WORSHIP?

Yes! All visitors must register in advance and sign the Covenant of Care.

I JUST RETURNED FROM A TRIP AND SPENT TIME WITH SEVERAL OTHER FAMILIES. IS IT OK FOR ME TO ATTEND WORSHIP AT THE CHURCH?

As we exercise care for one another, please be mindful of your level of exposure to other households prior to attending any FPC small group gatherings, as that increases risk for others. We do also ask that if you are awaiting a Covid test result, you promise to stay home.

WHAT STEPS HAS THE CHURCH TAKEN TO MAINTAIN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?

FPC is committed to the health and safety of our faith community. Enhanced cleaning and sanitation protocols have been in effect on our campus since 2020. All worship and meeting spaces are cleaned and sanitized before and after gatherings. Masks and social distancing are required, and hand sanitizers are available near all entrances. Advance registration for all gatherings (including worship) provides an accurate headcount, as well as contact tracing (should that become necessary). We also encourage everyone to register for the Covid-19 vaccine through Tarrant County (tarrantcounty.com/covidshot).