

First Presbyterian Church Reopening Guidelines 2020

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

We are planning on reopening the church for in-person worship on the first Sunday in October at 11:15 a.m. (Sunday School will be held via Zoom at 9:00 a.m., and there will be Zoom Church at 10:00 a.m. for those not comfortable meeting in person.)

Please read and plan on following the rules listed below so that we can ensure that we are able to worship safely and within the recommendations of the Sandusky County Health Department, the State of Ohio, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and Maumee Valley Presbytery.

We will follow the state color coding system to determine if we will have our service in person or on Zoom only. When we have an in-person service, we will have a Zoom service also, for a time, until all persons feel safe in resuming in-person worship. If Sandusky County is in the red or purple on Governor DeWine's Ohio County chart, we will only have Zoom services at 10:00 a.m.

Protocols for worship

Enter the church by Garrison Street only and exit through the parking lot door

Only two people will be allowed in the elevator at a time

Social distancing (six feet apart) will be maintained. Family units may sit together in the same pew. Please sit in the same pew each Sunday to make contact tracing easier should we need it.

Masks are **mandated** within the church on everyone over the age of two. Masks must cover the nose and mouth. Extra masks will be available at the entry doors if anyone needs one.

Hand sanitizer will be provided at the doors and **must** be used upon entering and is highly encouraged when exiting the church.

Each person attending in-person church services must take their own temperature at home before coming to church. **If your temperature is over 100.0 degrees F or you feel ill, we ask that you stay home. If you have health risks, you are encouraged to stay home** and

enjoy the service on Zoom or watch a TV church service.

No congregational singing will be allowed, with special vocal music to be determined at a later date.

Communion will be observed the first and third Sundays of the month using pre-packaged elements.(We will also offer drive-up communion for those attending Zoom service. Dates to be determined.)

All hymnals and Bibles will be removed from the pew racks. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible with you.

The collection plates will not be passed, but there will be containers by the back doors to the sanctuary to place your gifts and tithes in.

There will not be any childcare or Sunday School for the children.

A record of everyone attending in-person church will be kept and seating position recorded, with a record being kept in the office to facilitate contact identification and monitoring, if needed, by the Sandusky County Health Department.

Social Room, Kitchen, and Rest Rooms

The doors to the kitchen will be locked until further notice.

Masks are mandated when in the Social Room, stairways, halls, and rest rooms, along with the sanctuary.

Only one person at a time in any of the restrooms.

Entry to the church will be through the door from Garrison Street and exit through the parking lot door.

Please keep your coats with you in the sanctuary.

Cleaning

The church will be cleaned on Friday prior to Sunday services, by the janitor.

Cleaning requirements by outside groups using the church will be discussed with each group and thoroughly explained to them before use of the church is granted.

Sharing of any future updates will be through the newsletter or the phone tree for information that needs to be distributed immediately.