



Back-to-Church Plan Phase 1

As we continue to respect the health risks of the COVID-19 pandemic, we also seek to physically gather as the body of Christ. In response to the drop in new cases and case positivity within our community, yet in respect to the CDC guidelines announced on July 27, 2021 regarding indoor mask usage for fully vaccinated individuals (see link below) in areas of substantial or high transmission, we have decided to return to a modified version of Phase 1 of our Back-to-Church Plan.

Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

We will again gather under Phase 1 of this plan, comprised of the following changes from prior practices, effective Sunday, October 17, 2021:

- We will maintain online worship services via Facebook and FCCErwin.org on a permanent basis.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have recently tested positive for COVID-19, or have experienced a known exposure while not fully vaccinated, we ask that you refrain from meeting in-person and join us via online worship services.
- In compliance with the most recent CDC recommendations—linked above—we recommend that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals don a face covering while inside the church.
- Sunday morning worship services will remain at the normal length and structure.
- Children's Church will resume outdoors, weather permitting; parents, please ensure children are dressed for cooler weather and meeting outdoors.
- Some pews will again be closed for seating and marked accordingly, and we again recommend social distancing between family units for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- Communion elements will be prepared and stocked in the pews before the service.
- We will continue to collect the offering in a single plate located at the entrance to the sanctuary.

In addition to these changes and safety measures, we will continue deeper cleaning and regular sanitization procedures throughout the common areas of the church. We will also have hand-sanitizer stations strategically located throughout the church for your use. Our leadership team will continue to monitor local COVID-19 activity for the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions or concerns about this strategy or if you have any specific needs, please contact a minister or member of the leadership team,

what you need to know...

When does Phase 1 begin?

Sunday, October 17, 2021

What will be different?

- **Masks recommended for all**
- **Normal service length & structure**
- **Outdoor activities to continue**
- **Social distancing recommended for all**

(all detailed below)