

## Here are the procedures we will following for reopening worship at Bryce Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning June 7, 2020.

- 1) Individuals who have compromised immune systems or other health or age vulnerabilities are encouraged to stay home. Face masks are being required in accordance with state regulations as we each consider the welfare of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- 2) Live stream or recorded services will continue to be available.
- 3) Our service will begin at 9 a.m.
- 4) No Sunday School is scheduled (perhaps until September).
- 5) Exterior doors will be open (no need to touch doors).
- 6) We will attempt to have hand sanitizer available around the building.
- 7) Every other pew will be closed off to facilitate 6-foot distancing. Family units are encouraged to sit together and to maintain 6-foot distancing from others in the same pew. Chairs will be placed around the sanctuary to provide additional seating.
- 8) We encourage people that when they use the rest room facilities to wash their hands well, use the paper towel with which they dried their hands to open the rest room door and then dispose of the towel in the waste receptacle.
- 9) No fellowship time (i.e., coffee service) will be offered. We encourage fellowship to occur outside the building while complying with 6-foot distancing and wearing masks.
- 10) A nursery will not be offered, but the nursery will be open for families to take children to it if needed. All the toys will be removed from the nursery. They will be placed in the cabinet and it will be secured so as to restrict access to them.
- 11) Mechanics of the worship service:
  - a) All hymnals and Bibles will be removed from the pews.
  - b) All hymns/songs and Scripture readings will be printed or inserted in the bulletin.
  - c) No congregational singing until governmental restraints are removed.
  - d) Offering plates will not be passed. Offering plates will be placed on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Worshipers will be encouraged to place their offerings in the plates. At the appropriate time in the service, the deacons or ushers will bring the offering plates forward.
  - e) Regarding the Lord's Supper (which we aren't starting this Sunday)
    - i) Communion elements will be prepared by an elder who will wear a mask and gloves.
    - ii) The elders, who will wear masks and gloves, will distribute both elements by handing the respective element to each communicant while they remain seated.
    - iii) The elements will be taken together and in sequence (bread first, then the cup) as directed by the pastor with appropriate words of institution and instruction.

In all this, Session encourages gracious Christian prudence. Remember the welfare and needs of others, Philippians 2:1-4; Romans 15:1-7. Beloved, be patient and kind. These are difficult times. We are attempting to serve you in the very best way we can. We want to honor God, respect and obey our government (Romans 13:-17; I Peter 2:13-17), and minister to you — we're not going to get it right the first time! We believe that these measures are consistent with current governmental guidance and requirements.