

Here are the procedures we will be following for worship at Bryce Avenue Presbyterian Church beginning August 20, 2021 based on the new New Mexico COVID-19 regulations.

- 1) Face masks are required indoor per NM Governor's order for everyone over the age of 2 regardless of vaccination status
- 2) Live stream or recorded services will continue to be available.
- 3) Our service will begin at 10 a.m.
- 4) No Sunday School until September.
- 5) 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 continue to be secured in the nursery cabinet so as to restrict access to them.
- 6) Mechanics of the worship service:
 - a) Offering plates will not be passed. Offering plates are placed on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary. Worshipers are 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.
 - b) Hymnal and Bibles will be available for use in the pew racks
 - c) We have approved the following procedure for communion.
 - i) Communion elements will be prepared before the service. by an elder who will wear a mask and gloves.
 - ii) The elements will be distributed according to our old procedures with the elements being distributed in trays by row and passed by each communicant member to the next.
 - iii) We will all partake of the bread and juice together.
 - iv) Gluten free packets will be included in the bread trays along with regular bread.

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 at all times! We believe that these measures are consistent with current governmental guidance and requirements.