

May 18, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to announce the beginning of a different kind of worship experience on Sunday, June 7, at 9:00 a.m.

We will gather outdoors on the church property, in the grass and asphalt oval in front of the chapel doors and beside the library. This will be a simple form of worship with prayers, Scripture readings, instrumental music, and a shorter sermon. Based on best information from infectious disease experts and other officials we will, at least initially, not celebrate Holy Communion, enjoy the Passing of the Peace, or pass the offering plate, though there will be places to leave your gift. Perhaps the most difficult omission is congregational singing. Even wearing masks, singing is unfortunately a highly effective way to spread the virus.

We will continue the live streaming worship service from the sanctuary, but with a different time. Beginning June 7, the streaming service will begin at 11:00. We do not yet have a date for resuming in-person worship in the sanctuary. Worship at 9:00 will continue through the summer.

To care for one another, please take note of the following information and expectations for anyone attending the 9:00 outdoor worship experience. These restrictions are for the initial weeks and may change based on best information.

- **We all will wear masks, including children. We will have a few disposable masks available each week but encourage you to bring your own.**
- **Feel free to bring your own chairs, lawn chairs, or blankets. We will have a few available if bringing a chair is a difficulty for you.**
- **Worship bulletins will be emailed to you before Sunday to print.**
- **We will sit at least six feet apart from each other. Of course, couples and family groups may sit together more closely.**
- **We will continue best practices of social distancing and, however much we may want to do so, refrain from hugging, shaking hands, etc.**
- **Parents are expected to bring materials to occupy their children and to monitor their children and not allow this to become a group play time.**
- **Parking will be in the lot nearest the playground.**
- **There will be no access to the building, including restrooms. The lounge/restroom in the Chapel will be available only for emergencies.**

- **Please practice love of your neighbor by doing a “self-health” check on Sunday mornings. If you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, or are just not feeling well, worship with us online from the safety of your home.**
- **In the event of inclement weather, or its strong possibility, worship will be cancelled no later than 7:00 on Saturday evening and you will be contacted by email or telephone.**

We realize that many of the aspects of “normal” worship are missing in this new experience. It is simply one way for us to begin to be together again physically while being responsible and loving in our actions. Like you, we are feeling our way into this new reality.

These recommendations and expectations come from conversations between our church staff, Worship Committee, and the Worship and Health Task Group composed of members of the staff and representatives from the Property and Worship Committees. Final approval was given by session on May 14.

Grace and peace to all the saints of Second Presbyterian Church!

The Session of Second Presbyterian Church

IF YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS* ...



Fever



Dry Cough



Shortness of Breath



Sore Throat



Unexplained Muscle Aches



Loss of Smell or Taste

***FEVER, DRY COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SORE THROAT, UNEXPLAINED MUSCLE ACHES OR SUDDEN LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE**

****PLEASE STAY HOME & SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION***