



Dear Family at Christ Community Church,

- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Psalm 96:7-9

As part of our session meeting on Tuesday night, the elders discussed what returning to in-person worship would look like according to the White House's Phase II Guidelines (https://www.scribd.com/document/456756096/White-House-guidelines-for-reopening-economy#fullscreen&from_embed). We continue to monitor the numbers related to COVID-19 as detailed in our previous letter. At current, there has been evidence of stabilization and a decrease in the number of new cases as well as critical cases and deaths. However, we recognize that the present strategies for progressive re-opening in our state may result in a rebound in new cases, critical cases, and deaths. For this reason, we want to continue to be patient to ensure that the downward trend continues with re-opening before we get back together so as not to put you and our other neighbors at unwise risk.

The current plan if the numbers continue to decline would be to return to a Phase II version of in-person worship on Sunday, June 7th, at 10:30 am. We will open the doors at 10:15 so you can be directed to a seat in the sanctuary. Should we have enough of you interested in gathering in-person for worship, we will add a 9 am service. **Look for a survey to be emailed out next week to help us know how many services we will need.**

We don't yet know when the Kennesaw Community Center will be available to us, however, we have secured another option at Reformed Theological Seminary in Marietta if needed. While this location is further away from many in our church, we wanted to have an affordable and adequate option to come back together in worship. We hope to find out more from the Kennesaw Community Center next week.

Each service will be strictly limited to 50 or less. This means that it is critical that we know who's coming to which service. **The survey that will be sent out next week will prove critical to this process, so please be sure to fill it out and return as quickly as you can.**

If you are in the at-risk category or displaying any of the associated symptoms of COVID-19, you will need to refrain from gathering with us at this time. If you have possible symptoms, you can go here to sign up for a test in Cobb County: <https://tr2.treenosoftware.com:6002/>.

There will be a number of changes that we will need to make to the overall Sunday morning experience in order to protect and serve one another during this particular season. To protect you as you attend worship, we will make the following changes:

1. While we will greet you warmly as you arrive, we will not shake hands, hug, or have the opportunity to catch up as you enter the building. We will have hand sanitizer available for your entrance and exit.
2. While we would love to have a cup of coffee with you and catch up on how you're doing, we will not provide coffee or water, and we will not be able to fellowship in the lobby before the service. We will help you find a seat in the sanctuary directly as you come in.
3. While we place a high value on providing childcare for the service and teaching the next generation entrusted to us, we will not provide childcare or classes for children during the worship service. We recognize that this will make things potentially more chaotic, however, we value the opportunity to gather together as God's people in His presence to worship. The service will be reduced to 45-50 minutes so as to love you and our little neighbors well.
4. While we have previously provided paper bulletins, we encourage you to either print one at home before you come, use the one available on our website on your phone, or follow along on the screens. The on-line bulletin will not have the artwork or the announcements to make it easier to print.
5. While we enjoy being able to sit near each other as we worship together, we will stagger and space the seating for family units to maintain the social distancing requirements for the service.
6. While we long to see your face and hear your voices joined together as we sing to the Lord, you and your family will need to wear masks for the service in order to participate in the singing and congregational responses. Those who are leading the liturgy will not wear masks so they will be appropriately distanced to protect you.
7. While we recognize that giving is an important part of our worship, we will not pass the offering baskets during the service. Please continue to give on-line or send your gift to the office.

8. While we desire to participate in the Lord's Table together, we will not offer this sacrament until further notice due to our at-risk folks not being able to participate with us at this time.

9. While we want to be hospitable, we will limit the use of the bathrooms to emergency circumstances with only one person being allowed in at a time. Please come prepared to make it through our 45-50 minute service without needing to use the bathroom.

10. While we would welcome the opportunity to fellowship and pray with you following the service, we will dismiss you unit by unit immediately following the service. This will allow us to clean and prepare if there is another service following.

We will continue to provide the opportunity to worship through the weekly videos for our folks who are at-risk and those who aren't quite ready to participate in worship in a larger group. We understand that some folks just aren't ready yet or have a number of factors that make it a greater risk to gather with others.

In preparation for the possibility of gathering in person on Sunday, June 7th, we will have a time of congregational fasting and prayer the week of Monday, June 1st, through Sunday, June 7th. Again, the shepherding groups will each cover a day and make plans to pray together. Stay tuned for more information closer to that time.

We love you and miss the opportunities to worship and fellowship with you!

Grace and Peace,

Cameron