

PUBLIC GATHERINGS INFORMATION SHEET

Instructions to the Congregation

- We realize it's unlikely everyone will be happy with all these decisions, but everything has been done with love of God and neighbor in mind.
- Remember this is not the "reopening" of PBC. PBC was never "closed." Although we place a high view on the importance of the local church gathering, we believe God's church does not cease being the church when unable to gather. God has done amazing things in and through His church over the past few months. Instead of referring to this as a "reopening" of PBC, let's consider this the resuming of public gatherings.
- Phase 1 gatherings will be basic and limited to one weekly corporate gathering. All other ministries (e.g., Sunday School, small groups, mid-week Bible study, coffee bar, etc.) will be put on hold until either Phase 2 or Phase 3. Student ministry will begin meeting on campus Wednesday, May 27.
- During Phase 1, seating capacity will be restricted to 50% of the sanctuary's seating capacity. The worship services will also be streamed into the Fellowship Hall, which will be used as an overflow room.
- DO *NOT* attend if you believe you are high-risk, or you still do not feel safe to do so.
- DO *NOT* attend if you are sick or have recently been sick.
- We will *NOT* offer any childcare in Phase 1 gatherings. If you choose to gather with us, this may be an excellent opportunity to teach your children how to sit still during a worship service. It may be helpful to come prepared with coloring sheets, crayons, etc. for your child. And rest assured, we know kids can be noisy sometimes so don't worry!
- If you do attend, you are free to wear (or not to wear) a face mask and/or gloves. You are *not* free to judge those who do/don't wear masks or gloves (Romans 14:3).
- Given the continued uncertainty and sincere health risks caused by Covid-19, we understand that many members may still feel unsafe to gather. Please know you are free to delay gathering with us for a season. Although we place a high priority on the faithful gathering of God's people (Hebrews 10:25), we realize these are highly unique times that require increased sensitivity. We foresee some members choosing to delay returning until Phase 3 begins.

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Note: we plan to continue providing some online alternative to those who are unable to resume gathering with us right away. In order to do this, we will either (1) prerecord a service earlier in the week, (2) record the actual service and post online later that day, or (3) attempt to livestream the service.

Arrival:

- Please enter through the front entrance facing Providence Road or through the main entrance in the Welcome Center. The side entrances will be inaccessible.
- Families will be seated together. Please maintain appropriate social distance from non-family members when being seated.
- No paper bulletins, connection cards, brochures, etc. will be distributed.
- Restrooms will be available in the Education wing as well as the Welcome Center.
- Hand sanitization stations will be made available throughout the facility.
- Please be respectful and understanding of the personal space of others. Be careful not to take offense because others do not want to shake hands, hug, etc.
- Giving boxes will be placed at the exits for you to drop your tithe/offering into.

After the Service:

- Please remain in your seat until dismissed by ushers. The ushers will tell you where to exit.
- Families are free to socialize in the parking lot. Please fraternize outside of the facility.
- Cleaning crew will thoroughly sanitize the facility. The music team will also ensure all music equipment has been thoroughly sanitized.

TIMELINE FOR PHASE 2:

- Begins Sunday, June 21.
- All seating restrictions lifted for corporate worship services. Follow moderate social distancing measures. Use discretion. Will keep Fellowship Hall as an overflow room.
- Sunday school classes, small groups, children's ministry, Starting Point resumes.
- Ministry events resume on a small scale.
- Online ministry continues.

TIMELINE FOR PHASE 3:

- Beginning Sunday, August 1.
- All restrictions lifted.
- Ministry events back in full swing.