

WESTMINSTER TEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE POLICIES DURING COVID-19

Starting Sunday Nov 8th

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Background

Any large-group event has inherent risk in spreading COVID-19. The decision to attend should be made carefully and prayerfully based on your individual circumstances.

You can now attend both worship services

Reservations will not be required for seating in most of the sanctuary and all of the Fellowship Hall. See section on "Open Seating" policies.

Overflow seating will be available in the Fellowship Hall with live streaming and will follow the policies under "Open Seating".

We will introduce future changes in phases, we are currently in Phase 2

A nursery will be offered during Phase 2 when we have an adequate number of volunteers

We are continuing CDC recommendations for...

- symptom checks before arrival
- social distancing
- hygiene
- cleaning and disinfecting

Attendees are expected to wear face masks upon when walking around inside, except for:

- Very young children - age left to discretion of parents ([see CDC guidance](#))
- Adults who are not able to wear a mask. (please arrive early to avoid close contacts)

We need volunteers to run sound and video, greet, usher, clean and work in the nursery. Members will be given opportunity to sign up.

Orientation Session

An orientation Zoom session will be recorded for all attendees to view. "This Week at WPC" will start to provide a weblink to the orientation video

Lord's Day Event Schedule

- 7:30am** - Prayer Meeting Conf Call ¹
- 8:30 am** - Adult Zoom Sunday School ^{1,2}
- 10:15 am** - Morning Worship ³
- 3 pm** - 1st- 6th Grade Zoom Sunday Sch ¹
- 5:30 pm** - Evening Worship ³

- (1) Call church office to get weekly emails with phone numbers and links to virtual activities
(2) Allows for at least 45 minutes drive time to morning services after Sunday School ends
(3) Live streaming links can be found at:
<http://www.wpc-pca.com/live-webcast>

Open Seating

Most of the church sanctuary and all of the Fellowship Hall will be allocated to open seating and cannot be reserved.

Every other pew will remain unoccupied

A 6 ft social distancing standard will be used in maintaining space between families and parties

Any group of individuals who are agreeable can be seated closer than 6 ft on a pew as one party

Reserved Seating Requests

A request must choose between two types of reserved seating for each service: 1) Seating section where face masks and strict social distancing will both be required OR 2) Seating section where strict social distancing will be required but face masks will not be required.

Reserved seating will be in the rear of the sanctuary and annotated on seating charts. No open seating will be located behind this section.

A church-wide email will continue to be sent every Monday morning with a link to the seating request system. Requests are due back by 4pm Wed. Reserved seating requests can also be made by phone with the church office between 9am-4pm on Mon-Wed.

You should receive confirmation of your reserved seating request by Friday with a seating chart. Reserved seating requests will be filled first-come-first-serve. You will receive a regrets email if we run out of reserved capacity and you could not be seated. If you could not be seated in a reserved section, you will receive priority for reserved seating the next Sunday.

Prior to Arrival

A pre-arrival checklist has been provided for each family to use before departing home

The checklist contains CDC symptom criteria and other helpful reminders

Remember to bring your own face mask in case we run out of extras.

Expectations of Attendees

Those who are over 65 and those with underlying health conditions are more vulnerable to severe disease onset and have higher morbidity to COVID-19.

If you are in a vulnerable category, please consider consulting your doctor before making the decision to attend in-person activities.

If you assess the risk of attendance to be too high, please consider participating using the electronic options which are available to you for prayer meeting, Sunday School and for both worship services.

You are expected to not attend if you are sick or have any COVID-19 symptoms prior to departure as per [CDC symptom guidelines](#)

All attendees are expected to practice social distancing and [CDC hygiene guidance](#)

Avoid close contact, wash hands often, cover coughs and sneezes.

Arrival, Entry and Face Masks

When parking, leave one empty space between cars unless parking spaces are not available

Please mask-up before entering the facility

A greeter will manage entry into the sanctuary and seating charts will direct you to your seats

Hand sanitizer will be offered to all attendees upon entry

Attendees are expected to wear face masks that fully cover the mouth and nose when walking around inside our facilities. See "Background" section for exceptions.

An offering box will be located in the Foyer

Worship Service

Upon being seated, attendees are allowed to remove their face masks.

Bibles and hymnals will be available in the pews but will not be wiped down between services. Pencils, envelopes and Kleenex will remain removed from all pews.

When walking around during the service such as when using the restroom or upon dismissal, you are expected to wear face masks.

Those needing to use the bathroom should proceed to the foyer. An usher will be available to give you access to a bathroom.

The bathroom in the foyer will be disinfected after each use by an usher. Note: Use of public bathrooms are discouraged by the CDC.

The cry room is available for calming infants. Priority will be given to nursing mothers. Face masks are expected if more than one family is represented in the cry room.

Dismissal

Ushers will dismiss by row starting with the balcony and then from back to front at the ground level.