



Auburn Road Presbyterian Church

ARPC COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

WORSHIP SERVICE ACCOMMODATIONS AND BUILDING USAGE

1. We will have reduced seating for our in-person worship service. Pews will be marked for use and non-use, and ushers will seat people in accordance with social distancing guidelines – escorting congregants from the portico into the sanctuary. Family units may be seated together.
2. We will have an “overflow” worship area utilizing our portico. Ushers will put out chairs, spreading them as social distancing requires.
3. We ask that congregants restrict their “footprint” on Sunday to the portico, hallway, bathrooms, sanctuary, and nursery (if applicable). The fellowship hall, classrooms, library, and storage closets will remain “closed” to congregants as will the church office during the worship service. The nursery will be cleaned and available to those who need it, but we ask that social distancing measures be observed by persons using it who do not cohabitate during the week.
4. We will be simulcasting the worship service online, initially through our ClickMeeting platform. We apologize in advance for the inferior quality of these initial simulcasts. We are working to improve our video and audio capabilities. In addition to the simulcast, we will be making available video recordings of the service which will also be available later online.

SAFETY MEASURES

1. As you may have expected, we are asking any persons known to have had any contact with known COVID-19 confirmed cases to self-quarantine, following the guidelines recommended by the CDC before attending our in-person worship service.
2. In addition, if you are feeling ill and/or have a fever, please do not attend.
3. High-risk individuals (those with compromised immune systems) should not attend.
4. Those who do not feel safe should feel free not to attend.
5. Attendees are advised that masks may be required at times when on site. Bring your own if you prefer. Otherwise, masks will be provided at the church. They will not need to be worn once seated, as there will be ample distance between attendees.
6. Please be mindful of sneezing and coughing at all times while on the church property, protecting others by using your arm and directing your face away from people.
7. We will not be engaging in hand shaking or other physical contact. (Please control the urge to hug or to move closer to your brothers and sisters than 6 feet.)



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8. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance. An usher wearing gloves and a mask will distribute a “squirt” of sanitizer upon the hand of each person entering.
9. Pews and designated seating areas will be clearly marked to keep non-cohabitating congregants at least six feet apart before, during, and after the worship service.
10. Doors will be propped open by ushers to prevent the need for congregants to touch doors while entering and exiting the church and sanctuary.
11. Regarding small children where social distancing is difficult to maintain, we ask that children remain with their parents.
12. Prior to and following our in-person worship service, the facility will be sanitized.

SAFETY MEASURES PERTAINING TO THE LORD’S SUPPER

1. The supper will be prepared in the fellowship hall by church officers wearing gloves and masks.
2. The ushers will direct the congregants forward to the front of the sanctuary to partake of the elements, in accordance with distancing protocols.
3. The pathway to the front of the church will begin in the center aisle. Participants will walk forward, partake of the elements and return to their seats using the same route. Special care will be provided for those with mobility issues.
4. The seating of the worshipers will be arranged so as to provide proper “distancing” from those moving to the front of the sanctuary to partake of the Lord’s Supper.
5. Those seated under the portico will have the elements placed on tables and under the direction of ushers will individually or in family units, move to the tables, partake of the elements and return to their seats.
6. There will be waste receptacles near the tables in which to deposit the disposable cups.