

OUTDOOR, IN-PERSON WORSHIP SUNDAYS @ 8:30 A.M. BEGINNING AUGUST 2

We are really excited about this next step for our worshipping community right now. We hope you are too. And if you're not, that's ok too.

After careful considerations and following best practices for worship in the time of COVID19, we will begin **in-person, outdoor worship on August 2nd at 8:30am**. Of course we may need to cancel, if guidance from the state requires or in the event of foul weather. Any changes in the schedule will be communicated through email.

Our Congregational Council, Pastor Karyn, and our Reopening Task Force have prepared a number of guidelines that we must follow.

The guidelines may seem too lenient to some and too harsh to others. After much thought and prayer, we believe that they will protect us as well as we can and are the best possible way for us to be together.

That being said, don't feel compelled to come to worship if you are uncomfortable. We are in a period of unknown, dealing with a virus that could be dangerous for many of our members. We want you to take care of yourself and to feel comfortable worshipping at home (**we will continue to provide online worship every Sunday at 10am**), if that is your choice. If you are immunocompromised, sick, or feeling unwell, you should stay home and enjoy the online service.

Below you will find the guidelines and procedures we will be following...

- Worshippers will be required to sign up to attend our in-person outdoor worship service each week – either online or by calling the church office. A “Signup Genius” link (online sign up) will be emailed to the weekly email distribution list each Monday. While we encourage everyone who has access to a computer or smartphone to use the electronic signup, we also realize that some people are not technically savvy. If you do not receive the weekly email blast and would like to, please email the church office at gdcassistant@gloriadei.com or you may call the church office at 215.947.8200 to sign up. Please leave a message on the church voicemail.
- Everyone will be asked several COVID19-related health questions prior to your reservation being finalized either through registration online or by calling the church office.
- Worship will be held on the upper parking lot or the circle (dependent on RSVP numbers) with worshippers bringing their own lawn chairs and sitting six feet apart from other family groups. An usher will direct each person or family's seating to ensure required physical distancing. The location will be evident when you enter the parking lot. For either space, you will be asked to park in the lower parking lot sections closer to Welsh Road.
- We will continue to broadcast the 10 am worship service on our website and our Facebook page live every week.

- Worshippers will be required to wear face masks at all times.
- No beverages or food can be consumed while on the campus.
- The Church building (including bathrooms) will be closed/not available for entry.
- There will be no communion at these outdoor worship services.
- There will be no choir, no praise singers, and no congregational singing. There will be hymns or songs played on the keyboard or guitar, but again, no group singing will occur.
- In-person, outdoor worship will be approximately 20-25 minutes in length to avoid long contact periods. Worship will consist of prayers, scripture, music playing, and a meditation.
- There will be no personal contact including hugs, elbow bumps, or shaking hands – period. Even though you are outside of the building, you must maintain physical distancing guidelines of 6 feet between family groups or individuals from the same household. We highly discourage congregating before or after the service.
- Offering plates will not be passed. You can place your offering in a marked box located 6 feet from the worship staging area.
- There will be no nursery. If children attend worship, they must worship with their parents.

We will also need volunteers for this service. If you are interested in assisting with the 8:30 in-person outdoor service there will be a separate signup genius for these jobs:

- ushers to direct sitting 6 feet apart as family groups
- parking lot volunteers to assist attendees, as needed
- tech team to set-up and run the sound system (we will train you)

We are gently dipping our toes into the shallow end of in-person worship; however your health and the health of our community are and will continue to be the standard of this and any future procedures. We anticipate you and your families have missed seeing each other as much as we have missed seeing all of you. We know that this community of faith is strong and will continue to do vital and vibrant ministry together for years to come.

This time of having only online worship has been hard on all of us. We enter into this new worship service as carefully as we can.

If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Karyn or the Church office.

Stay safe and know you are deeply loved.

Grace and Peace –

PK, the Congregational Council, and the Reopening Task Force