

**Thank you for registering for the In-Person *Welcome Back Picnic* of Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian at Eagle Lake Park, Shelter #6, May 15, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.**

Please read all of the information in this message so you are prepared for the protocols we are following in order to provide a safe as possible picnic experience for you. We are currently following Phase 2 of the *Guidelines and Procedures During Covid 19 Pandemic* adopted by the Trinity Session in June 2020 and revised April 20, 2021. **(1)** (see below) **(3)** These guidelines and procedures extend to all Trinity congregational activities regardless of location.

**Important information for the Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian Church *Welcome Back Picnic***

- Please wear facemasks and maintain social distance with non-household people unless you are eating or drinking.
- Gathering in mutually agreed, fully vaccinated pods is encouraged.
- Out of an abundance of caution, all food will be prepared in the church kitchen or cooked onsite by the Kitchen Team.
- Please do not bring food from home to share. If, for dietary reasons, any food is brought from home, it will be for personal use only.
- Everyone attending is asked to bring their own plates and cutlery to take home and wash. Disposable plates and utensils are discouraged. **(2)**
- Reusable plastic drinking cups will be brought from the church. **(2)**
- Food will be served cafeteria style by servers.
- Menu: cheeseburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, green salad, baked beans, fruit, individual bags of chips, lettuce, tomato and onion for burgers, brownies and cookies, condiments and salad dressing. Water, lemonade, tea.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe experience for you and everyone at the picnic!

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**1) In person meetings are subject to cancellation depending on pandemic conditions**

**2) The Trinity Session recently made the commitment to being an *EarthCare Congregation of the PCUSA*. Using non-disposable eating utensils at congregational meals is one small way to contribute to our overall environmental efforts.**

**3) Phase 2: Moderate Physical Distancing – No evidence of a rebound while maintaining a 14 day downward trajectory, and the number of people fully vaccinated increases.**

- We will ease back into gathering inside for worship during Phase 2, for guidance for small groups see below.
- All persons 65 or older and vulnerable persons (*the CDC defines this as people at higher risk for severe illness, people who are immunocompromised, people with asthma, people with HIV, and people with liver disease*) should be encouraged to stay home, unless they are fully vaccinated.
- Anyone inside the building will be required to wear a facemask. Those leading the service will wear a facemask when they are not speaking or singing. Masks will be available for those who may not have one.
- Participants will be encouraged to maintain adequate social distancing of at least 6 feet apart. This guidance does not apply to family members of the same household. Seats in the sanctuary will be clearly marked for seating, every other pew and Xs 6 feet apart. Please only sit in a marked location in a pew that does not have pictures mounted.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
- Continue to use online and mail in giving. Also provide opportunity for folks to drop offering in donation station as they arrive for service. No passing of the plate. A guide will be developed for safety considerations.
- Greeters will open doors.
- Each person who enters will have his or her temperature taken by a greeter using a non-contact thermometer.
- No physical bulletins or use of hymnals. Responses and lyrics will be on screen.
- Congregation will be invited to meditate on the words of songs, rather than singing, as song leader sings.
- Neither social time nor refreshments will be offered following worship.
- Special precautions will be taken for observing the Lord's Supper.
- People should exit through designated doors to avoid congestion.
- Following worship a designated team will sanitize all areas used during worship.
- Adults may meet for in-person small groups either in homes or in the church building at a time when the building is not being occupied for worship services. Any group meeting within the church building will be required to utilize social distancing and facemasks and to sanitize areas they used. Any group planning to meet must be pre-approved by the church office and Session to make sure all procedures are being followed.
- There will be no in person children's activities through the end of Phase 2.