

Thank you for registering for In-Person Worship at Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian! Your registration is good for worship on May 23, 2021 only. Future registrations will be available on a weekly basis.

Please read all of the information in this message as it contains updated information, so you are prepared for the protocols we are following in order to provide a safe as possible worship 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) **(2)**

Important information for In-Person Worship at Trinity Clearwater Presbyterian Church

- The worship service begins promptly at 10:30 am. The front doors to the church will be open promptly at 10:00 am.
- **If you are not fully vaccinated (including children),** please wear facemasks and maintain social distance with non-household people as you enter the building.
- **If you are fully vaccinated (including children),** facemasks are strongly encouraged as recommended by the CDC as of July 27, 2021.
- As you enter you will be welcomed by greeters who will show you the hand sanitizing station, and offer a simple bulletin containing the order of worship and a few announcements. All of the liturgy and hymns will be on the projection screens. There will be no hymnals, bibles, or other materials in the pew racks.
- If you wish to prepare an offering envelope they are available on the credenzas in the narthex. A container is provided for used pencils. Offering plates are just inside the sanctuary doors for use as you enter or exit. We will not pass offering plates during the service.
- Ushers will assist you in finding available designated seating in pews without congregational photos. Blue "X's" mark seating for individuals, couples, or same household groups. Please maintain distancing according to the "X's."
- During worship please continue to wear facemasks as recommended above. Please "pass the peace" with socially distanced gestures and refrain from moving about the sanctuary.
- If communion is celebrated, the pastors will give detailed instruction on when and how to approach the table, receive the elements, and return to your designated seating.
- At the conclusion of the service, please exit through the center and south narthex doors and refrain from "visiting" inside the sanctuary. Please take your bulletin and any inserts home with you or place it in the recycling bin in the narthex as you exit.

- Any post worship fellowship activities will be announced on a weekly basis.

Thank you for helping us provide a safe worship experience for you and everyone worshipping with us in-person.

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

2) **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.