



Grace Baptist Church

Dear Grace Baptist family,

We hope this letter finds you well! We are pleased to share that we will resume in person services Sunday, July 5th, 2020. With respect to the Governor's mandates, and considering much prayer and discussion, we believe this is the right time to resume, where we can have a safe, smooth, and successful re-opening. While our worship experience may look different, the One we worship remains unchanged.

As I mentioned last Sunday, there will be seating in both the Sanctuary and the gym downstairs with a live stream in the gym. In addition to having two locations in the building for service, you will also see that there are new designated entrances and exits, as well as certain areas that are currently not accessible (like the classrooms, office and kitchen).

There will be signs and people to help guide and direct you once you arrive. It will be important to arrive earlier than usual to allow yourself extra time to settle in for service. Once service ends, ushers will dismiss people by row to designated exits. If you would like to continue fellowshiping, we encourage you to do so outside the building (with appropriate physical distancing). Although we will be gathering for morning worship, there will be no Sunday School or other ministry meetings taking place in the church.

As for the service itself, the order and content are largely unchanged. We will have worship through music, prayer, and the preaching of God's Word. We will partake in the celebration of the Lord's Table, however our new communion elements are not gluten free, so if you have allergies and/or sensitivities you should bring your own from home. We will have a bulletin for everyone, but there will no longer be shared hymnals or Bibles (if you don't have your own Bible we would be happy to provide you with one, just let us know). It is also recommended that if you wish to give you continue to do so online. We will not pass an offering bag, but if needed there will be a collection basket in the back of each room.

We are also taking extra precautions with hygiene and cleaning. There are hand sanitizers available as well as soap in the restrooms for the frequent washing of hands. We will have a professional cleaning service clean the building each week. Considering this, we do ask if you have any symptoms, are in a high-risk group, or immunocompromised, please stay home and enjoy the live stream.

As we re-open, for the first few weeks we are going to ask that you register to let us know you are coming ahead of time. A registration link will be sent each week. Please register by Friday at midnight before each service, so we are adequately prepared for you on Sunday morning. If you do not have email or internet, you can register by calling the church at 508-752-0217, also by Friday at midnight.

Outline for re-opening on Sunday, July 5th, 2020

General

- Let us know by each Friday who is attending service through the registration link or by phone for those without internet (508-752-0217)
- Sunday service starts at 10:45am, ***building opens at 10:15am***, please plan to arrive early.
- Masks are required** at all times once in the building
- Please follow the signs directing you to the doors for entering and exiting.
- Please stay in the designated areas once inside the building.

Service

- There will be ***no fellowship/greeting time*** during service.
- Please ***bring your own Bibles*** and a pen/pencil if you wish to take notes.
- Communion will be prepackaged elements, so ***if you need gluten free please bring your own***.
- If you have an offering it can be placed in the designated basket at the back of each room
- There is ***no nursery***, but baby changing stations will be set up in both restrooms.
- When service ends, please be respectful and orderly as ***the ushers dismiss you by row***.

After Service

- Fellowship with one another outside, remembering to stay at least 6 feet apart.

Other

- If you have symptoms, please stay home.

As I look at all the requirements and conditions that I have just told you about, all I can think of is this: I have just given you all the reasons why you should not come back to church. Despite all the logistics, it is time to resume public worship. This is not going to be perfect, and we will need you to exercise some patience since we have never done this before. We look forward to gathering in person for worship!

Please email or call if you have any further questions but start praying now for the resumption of services.

In Christ,

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