



Friday, July 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

The hour draws nearer to the reopening of our church for live worship services.

Beginning at 8:00 am on this coming Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, you can pre-register for worship on Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> through our church's website or by phone at 734-453-6464 ext.115.

This pre-registration process allows us to limit attendance numbers so we can follow social distancing guidelines while also maintaining the record of attendees so we can participate in contact tracing as needed.

The worship services in August will be a growth opportunity for us all.

Together, we will be learning how to worship God and love our neighbor following all the best health and safety guidelines.

We will worship God and practice loving our neighbor by wearing a face mask that covers both our mouth and nose when we enter church and throughout worship.

We will worship God and practice loving our neighbor as we patiently wait outside to complete a short health survey and have our temperature taken (in a non-contact format).

We will worship God and love our neighbor by understanding our worship services will be limited in time (35 minutes) and will be without congregational or choir singing. We thank God for our vocal and instrumental soloists.

We will worship God and love our neighbor by allowing ushers to guide us to available seats which will not put anyone else at risk. We will remain open to new seats and new ways of entering and exiting the church through designated doors.

Many of us will worship God and love our neighbor by staying at home and watching the Sunday service on-line.

Friends, let us turn this trying time into an opportunity for growth. Do not let this pandemic get the best of you. Allow God to transform your frustration into a foothold of spiritual growth.

Please pray for our church as we proceed with "Plan A" of returning to limited live services during the month of August. Please pray for our church as we consider plans beyond August. We ask for your prayers as well for families in our churches adjusting memorial plans and wedding plans to our new reality.

May we always be open to God leading in new directions,  
*Emily*