

REOPENING

Session met on Thursday August 20th, and decided that we will reopen the church building for worship as of Sunday September 6th. Below you will find a list of items that were a part of our conversation.

- Directing flow of traffic, we will encourage people to enter through the tower entrance and exit through the exit at the back of the sanctuary, except those who need the accessible exit.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available
- Masks are mandatory, unless there are medical reasons why you cannot wear a mask
- We encourage people to use the washroom at home prior to attending service, and when necessary to wipe down high contact surfaces following use of church washrooms
- All non-essential items, such as hymnals & Bibles, be removed from common spaces and eliminate as many surfaces of contact as possible
- Fellowship will continue virtually
- High-touch surfaces will be cleaned frequently (e.g. door handles, top of pews)
- We will rope off pews to encourage physical distancing, and have ushers to help with this process.
- We encourage people to self screen prior to entering the building, please see questions below.
- Members of a household do not need to be separated from one another, and may sit, worship and travel together
- Congregational singing is a high-risk activity, therefore soloists and instrumental music will be used in lieu of congregational singing
- Offering Plates will be placed around the sanctuary and people are asked to place their offering upon entering, the plates will be collected during the regular offering time

Our goal is to keep everyone informed of any changes, although as we have come to acknowledge in the world of COVID 19, things can change quite quickly.

Many of these directives come from our regional Health Authorities (<https://healthunit.org/coronavirus/>) or the Presbyterian Church of Canada (<https://presbyterian.ca/covid-19/>).

If you have any questions or concerns please let your elder, the clerk of session, or the minister know immediately. Your input is extremely important to us.