

MAPLE GROVE REOPENING GUIDELINES

Maple Grove has in-person worship services and Sunday School classes with Sunday School at 9:30am and the worship service at 10:30am. Adult Sunday School classes are dismissed @ 10:20 / children & youth at 10:25am.

We know some of you are on opposite ends of the spectrum but we are asking the same things of everyone: give grace, act in love and not to judge. Be respectful of each other. Remember we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. If you are uncomfortable with following the guidelines below, please follow us online until further relaxations are approved.

- Please note there is now a statewide mask mandate, which includes wearing a mask during the church service and during Sunday School. Please wear a mask when you are in the building. If you do not have your own mask, disposable masks will be available.
- Maple Grove is restarting adult and children's Sunday School classes with the following procedures being followed in order to try and keep everyone safe and healthy:
 - ❖ Sunday School classes will be set up to keep people socially distanced.
 - ❖ As has been the case for the past month, we will ask everyone to continue to wear a face covering.
 - ❖ In all adult and children's classes, we will provide hand sanitizer.
 - ❖ We ask that attendees wash hands or use hand sanitizer when entering or leaving class.
 - ❖ To help eliminate crowded hallways, adults will be dismissed from their Sunday School classes 10 minutes before the worship service so they can be seated in the sanctuary prior to the release of students.
 - ❖ Children in grades PK-12 will be dismissed 5 minutes before the service to join their families in the sanctuary.

We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the year and make adjustments as needed.

- Ushers will be required to wear a mask and have their temperature checked prior to the worship service. There will be a thermometer available at the church.
- We will continue to livestream our service. If you don't feel comfortable coming to worship in person, please feel free to continue worshipping with us online.
- If you are elderly or your health is compromised in any way, we encourage you to follow with us from home. If you are experiencing any kind of illness or symptoms please remain home for your protection, and the protection of others, even if you believe these to be non-coronavirus related.
- If you attend a worship service and become infected with the virus, you give the church leadership the permission to share that information with the congregation.
- There will not be greeters at the door. The main entry doors will be propped open to minimize the risk of touching handles and to ensure social distancing. All other entry doors and the Sunday School wing will be locked.
- Please, no hugging or handshaking at this time.
- Restrooms will be open but limited to one person or family unit at a time. Doors are to remain propped open.

- Drinking fountains will be turned off with reminder signs posted.
- There will be no coffee or donuts served. You may bring your own coffee or drink to enjoy in the sanctuary.
- Hand sanitizer and tissues will be available in the foyer.
- The bulletins will be available online or available at the table in the foyer.
- We ask that as you enter the building, you immediately approach the sanctuary, and not congregate in the foyer. Ushers will be available to usher you in and out of the sanctuary.
- While waiting to be seated in your family grouping, please maintain a six-foot distance between other groups.
- Do not expect to sit in your usual seat but allow for flexibility as the ushers seat you. Those being seated on the left side of the sanctuary will use the left side doors. Those being seated on the right side of the sanctuary will enter the right side doors.
- Ushers will seat everyone at the beginning of the service, starting at the front, using every other pew and dismiss everyone at the end of the service, starting from the rear.
- The back pews will be used for families with small children. Families will need to sit together as a family unit (people you have been with during the pandemic). Parents are responsible to keep their children close to them.
- Please keep all of your personal items with you.
- We discourage families from congregating in the foyer after the service. Visiting outside in the open air with proper social distancing is acceptable.
- We will not be taking an offering during the service but there will be a basket in the foyer for your offerings.
- As of September 27th, congregational singing is permitted with a mask. The worship team will continue singing on the platform with plexiglass shields.
- There will be a microphone on a stand in the front center of the sanctuary for sharing. Please do not touch the microphone. Please continue to send announcements and prayer requests to the office prior to the service when possible.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact a member of the Church Reopening Committee: Howard Miller, Dan Dutcher, Lois Bontrager and Charla Sommers.