

# What to Expect When We Return on August 23rd

***“not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” (Philippians 2:4, NIV)***

We have prayed, waited, and planned for the day when we would be able to gather again as a family at the Waterview building. On August 23rd at 10 AM, that will finally happen.

But you need to know...it will look different than what you are accustomed to. Here are some key items to expect.

## **When will we meet?**

Our first meeting will be Sunday, August 23rd at 10:00 AM.

We will be holding worship services in the auditorium with any overflow going to the south wing fellowship room. At this time we will not meet at other times. Current programs will be continued online.

Entry will be restricted to four entrances, on the south (by the nursery), north, main entrance (by circle drive) , and west through the atrium. Each of the four entrances will be clearly marked and greeters will be at each location.

## **What can we expect when we enter the building?**

Doors will be opened by our Heart-to-Heart greeters to help you avoid touching surfaces. They will then take your temperature with a touchless thermometer. Please be aware that a temperature of 100.0 would put others at risk and we will ask you meet with Jerry Barker or Bill Shumate before going to worship. Following CDC guidelines,

you will be asked to put on a face covering. If you do not have a face covering, one will be offered to you. You will then be asked to directly go to the auditorium, where you will be seated by designated ushers. Seating by usher will help us maintain a safe physical distance to minimize potential spread.

The restrooms closest to the auditorium, including the family restroom will be open. All other restrooms will be closed.

Areas upstairs, the chapel, and the north wing will be closed.

All songbooks and cards will be removed from the racks to prevent potential spread. If you require a songbook, you can get one, take it with you and bring it back to services with you.

## **What about face masks?**

To decrease exposure, especially during our singings, we require face coverings in the building. We are following recommended guidelines from the Center for Disease Control that everyone should wear a face mask. This is to keep others safe. Please consider the needs of others in this matter, rather than personal preference.

If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided in the event you may have forgotten yours.

Please put on your face covering before entering the building.

## **Where and how will we sit?**

The auditorium has been prepared in a way that will allow for appropriate social distancing, with every other pew taped off to prevent seating.

Please sit as a family unit, leave space between groups, and keep groups as small as possible. If two or more people arrive in the same car, they can sit together.

Ushers will facilitate seating and spacing on every other row except for marked rows. You may not be able to sit in your regular seat so we can appropriately space people for their safety.

Please keep at least 6' separation between each person (except for family members or invited guests).

In the event that the auditorium reaches the capacity for safe distancing, ushers will direct you to the south wing where seats will be set up and the livestream of the service will be shown.

## **Should You Stay Home?**

We are encouraging those who are vulnerable, sick, or have any symptoms, to stay at home. We will continue offering all of our services online for those who cannot or should not join us in person.

## **How do I know if I am considered to be high risk?**

The elders strongly encourage high risk members to stay home and stay safe, watching the online services which will continue to be live streamed and posted at [waterview.org](http://waterview.org).

According to the CDC these categories of persons and conditions are at higher risk from COVID-19:

- Ages 65+, especially with chronic lung disease
- Moderate to severe asthma
- Chronic heart disease
- Severe obesity
- Diabetes
- Liver disease
- Weakened immune system
- Chronic kidney disease
- Any acute respiratory symptoms.

## **How do we express our excitement to be together?**

With words!

Please refrain from handshakes and hugs at this time. We know this will be unnatural and difficult, but we believe it is wise given the circumstances.

## **What about communion and contribution?**

No trays will be passed. We will be offering individual portable communion packets. Please feel free to bring your own communion elements if you have difficulty opening the provided packets.

You can continue to give online or drop off your contribution in one of the boxes on the tables in the foyer or give as you exit.

## **What happens after services?**

Ushers will dismiss us by row starting from the back of the auditorium and working from the back toward the front.

Please leave the building with expedience through the nearest exit where you can fellowship outdoors, with social distancing, on the lawn, sidewalks, or parking lot.

## **What about the children?**

Children will remain with their parents.

Nursery and children's classes will remain closed.

## **Anything else I should know?**

All drinking fountains will be turned off. Please feel free to bring your own capped bottled water.