

## **Lafayette Presbyterian Church Re-Opening Plan, June 20, 2021**

### **Live Streaming/Recorded Worship**

Internet broadcast of worship will continue when in-person services resume to allow congregants and visitors an at-home option for worship. Members and friends may feel free to continue to worship at home via the livestream or recordings of the service.

### **Drive-Up Services**

Outdoor drive-up worship will continue to be broadcast via FM 89.1 and attendees may park on the east side of the church with a view into the sanctuary to feel connected to live worship.

### **In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary**

- Masks  
All congregants will wear masks while entering and leaving the church building and are required to wear them for the duration of the worship service
- Social Distancing  
Ushers will assist families with safe-for-all groupings in pews.
- Hand Sanitizer Stations  
Hand sanitizer stations will be provided in key locations and congregants will be encouraged to use them upon entering the church, the sanctuary, and leaving the restroom.
- Ventilation  
The session is considering upgrades to the HVAC system that could help minimize the recirculation of viruses and bacteria if present.
- Congregational/Choral Singing
  - > The Session adopted a phased approach, balancing safety (based on existing science and guidelines) with the need for authentic, worshipful, and meaningful music.

- > The Session has authorized a phased approach to music during worship. The bulletin will inform congregants regarding participation, each week.
- > Recent studies have concluded that, without vaccination, congregational singing can be done safely if the following practices are observed:
  1. Mask wearing at all times
  2. Social distancing
  3. Less than 30 minutes of singing
- Greeters
  - > There will be 2 greeters each Sunday wearing masks and gloves.
  - > Greeters will wear name tags.
  - > Greeters will be responsible for answering questions, welcoming all who enter the building, and capturing attendance information.
  - > One greeter will be responsible for capturing contact information on any visitors. This is for contact tracing purposes only.
  - > Greeters will encourage family groups to stay together for seating purposes.
  - > Greeters will encourage the use of hand sanitizer as worshipers enter.
  - > Greeters will offer disposable masks to any who enter without one.
- Seating/Dismissal
  - > Upon arrival, the ushers will seat congregants, starting at the front of the sanctuary and filling toward the back.
  - > At the conclusion of worship, congregants will be dismissed, by row, beginning at the back of the sanctuary.
- Communion  
Communion will be administered safely using pre-packaged, individual communion elements, which the church already has. Congregants will each pick one up from a table as they walk through the narthex toward the sanctuary.

- Shared Objects
  - > The offering plate will not be passed during worship. Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and congregants will be encouraged to leave their offering in the basket upon exiting/entering the building.
  - > All materials in the pews will be removed. Those who would like to follow along with the Scripture readings are encouraged to bring their Bible from home. Envelopes for offering will be provided in the narthex, if needed.
- Entry/Exit
  - > All congregants will enter/exit through the narthex doors. The exterior narthex doors and double doors to the sanctuary will be propped open and ushers will direct congregants to enter there.
  - > All other doors will be closed until the beginning of worship and will have a sign directing people to the main doors.
  - > Congregants will be asked to exit the building immediately after worship but are not required to immediately leave the church property. Congregants will be welcome to visit with one another outside, while remaining cognizant of mask/social distancing requirements.
- Sunday School  
 Sunday school will remain virtual. Sunday school will begin at 9am and end promptly at 9:45am to allow time for congregants to participate in Sunday school at home and make it to church on time for worship, if they so choose.

Worship will be at **10:30 AM.**

- Restrooms
  - > Restrooms in the main church building will be open. Congregants are encouraged to use the facilities only on a limited basis.
  - > Disinfecting wipes will be provided in the restrooms and congregants are encouraged to wipe down all surfaces before each use.

### Nursery

During the summer session, the nursery will not be provided.

### Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

The Scouts are currently approved to use outdoor spaces on church property. Once the Session approves use of the church building for in-person worship, the Scouts will also be permitted to use indoor spaces with appropriate Covid-19 protocols in place. They will be required to notify the church if any attendee may have been exposed to or has tested positive for Covid-19.

### Response to Covid-19 Exposure

- Worship attendees will be expected to advise the church staff immediately upon learning they may have been exposed to the coronavirus or tested positive.
- If it come to our attention that a congregant who attended in-person worship may have been exposed to Covid-19 or has tested positive for the virus, we will notify other attendees of potential exposure through contact tracing.
- To facilitate contact tracing, an usher may take a picture of the whole sanctuary during worship, so we know who needs to be contacted regarding potential exposure.
- Visitors will be encouraged to provide contact information for use in the case of potential exposure.