

UPDATED RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Cherry Tree Alliance Church Board of Elders and Staff

Please note that we are practicing social distancing (of at least 6 feet of distance between family groups). For those who are ready to venture out, we welcome you back to our public worship services. However, things are different than before. Please note these guidelines:

- *Arrive with Care!* – Weather permitting, doors are kept open to eliminate touching handles. If the doors are closed, we will endeavor to have gloved greeters opening them for you.
- *Do Not Congregate!* – If you linger in the lobby or aisles, it is impossible for others to keep their distance as they try to get into or out of the sanctuary; please stay out of the “lanes.”
- *What About Greeting?* – We are not shaking hands or giving hugs right now. In fact, we discourage any touching, which brings us to....
- *Social Distancing!* – Yes, we are honoring the 6 feet of distance recommendation. Family groups may sit with one another; otherwise, please skip a pew or sit at least 6 feet away.
- *And Attendance Pads?* – These have been removed and will not be used at this time.
- *How About the Offering?* – We are not passing the offering plates. A plate is available in the sanctuary, and you may give online by visiting our church website.
- *What About Hygiene?* – Rooms are cleaned and sanitized regularly, and hand sanitizing stations are available in the foyer and at other places in the building.

With regard to the second bullet above, we realize socializing is a part of the weekly church worship experience. However, if even one person stops in the aisle to speak to another, that aisle is blocked for anyone else trying to get by. Please consider the parking lot a “lobby” for conversations, or move to the side of the foyer or step into the pews (keeping one between you!) for conversations. Be watchful for others, so you’re not hindering their movement. Thanks for your consideration!

We are having Kids Church in the Fellowship Hall. We ask that kids be dropped off (and picked up) at the Fellowship Hall doors. Kids Church takes places during the 10am service for the entire service. Our Kids Church staff will be wearing masks and kids are encourage to wear masks.

Some additional requests:

IF YOU ARE SICK – STAY HOME!

IF YOU’VE BEEN EXPOSED TO A SICK PERSON – STAY HOME!

IF YOU ARE AN “AT RISK” PERSON...PLEASE, PLEASE – STAY HOME!

Also remember that *MASKS ARE REQUESTED to be worn during both services.*

Lastly, we completely understand that you might not be ready to return or to risk exposing your family. If you choose to stay home, our live stream is still available to you, and we look forward to seeing you when you feel it is safe to be out. The live stream is a legitimate worship experience and counts as your church attendance! We definitely miss you! As we begin to move into a restored time of fellowship in the building, we look forward to welcoming you back, even if it is in stages. All God’s best to all of you!