

Dear Church Family,

Governor Inslee laid out his plans for the reopening of religious institutions for counties that are in Phase Two (Cowlitz County has entered Phase Two). I am grateful that we finally have come to the place where we can once again gather albeit with some strict conditions. We have been granted the ability to congregate at 25% capacity or up to 50 people. The Session and the Stewardship Committee met to complete and implement our reopening plan. We want to reassure you that we will take all the necessary precautions to ensure that our gathering will be as safe as possible (and we will abide by all the regulations that have been determined by Governor Inslee and his staff). We will make sure the facility is sanitized and you will discover that we have plenty of hand sanitizing stations available. If your health is compromised or you are at all anxious, please stay home and worship with us via our live stream broadcast. If you decide to attend on Sunday, we are requesting that you:

1. Use the front door only (keep a 6 ft. distance with others as you enter).
2. Understand that we are limited to 50 persons (we do not anticipate having 50 people come on Sunday but we will be counting and will need to cut off the attendance at 50).
3. Allow us to 'take attendance' for the purpose of having a record of who is here (I know it sounds intrusive but we need to know who to contact if we discover that someone with COVID-19 attended a service).
4. Be mindful of social distancing (6 ft. separation – families can gather and sit together)
5. Please wear a face mask at all times while on church property.
6. Bring your own bible.
7. Check temperature before coming (stay home if over 100.4).
8. Stay home if you have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19.
9. Observe social distancing in the sanctuary (seating will be clearly marked).
10. Please move directly to your pew location and sit in designated area only.
11. Leave the facility immediately following the end of the service (there will be no fellowship time after church and coffee or refreshments will not be available following the service).
12. Stay home if you have any concerns about being in public. We will be continuing our live stream.

I know this sounds strict but it is very important that we observe these restrictions and rules until they are lifted or loosened. This Sunday will be a "trial run" that will help us to determine any adjustments we may have to make in the weeks to come (so please be patient with us and pray that God gives all of us an extra dose of grace as we try to figure this all out). As we come back together, whether in person or on the internet, my God be glorified.

The Lord richly bless you,
Pastor Kevin