

## **We will begin to offer worship in our sanctuary on November 1!**

Session approved re-opening our sanctuary, following NY State guidelines. We will continue to record services on YouTube for those who do not wish to attend in person. We will also be streaming the service on Facebook live until our livestreaming equipment is installed. More information will follow. Please check upcoming Crosscurrents for details.

Session has approved worship in the sanctuary beginning on Nov 1. The transition team has worked very diligently to meet all NY State and Presbytery guidelines. We will reserve the right to cancel services in the sanctuary at any time that we feel that the health and safety of our congregants are at risk.

- The sanctuary space has been changed to allow for social distancing.
- The lounge has also been set up for those who wish to sit out there.
- Offerings will be placed in an offering plate on the table outside the sanctuary.
- Bulletins will be on a table in the atrium.
- Prayer cards will be on the table. We will not take requests during the service. We will lift up the written ones.

### **Ushers will:**

- From a distance, direct people to designated pews.
- Bring up offering plate and prayer requests at time of offering.
- Assist Terry Wheat at the end of the service to direct congregation (one row at a time) to the old entrance to the sanctuary. This means no one will enter and exit through the same doors.

The Transition team has someone who will check off member's names from a spreadsheet as they enter for contact tracing. **We are asking people to not come if they are ill in any way.** We do have a non-contact thermometer if requested.

North doors will be locked on Sunday. Everyone will need to enter through main doors. Doors on North side will be taped off.

Masks will be available. No one can come in who refuses to wear a mask.

There will be no fellowship hour or events at least through March. Depending on conditions, we will revisit at that time.

### **Worship Changes**

Pastor Elizabeth will continue to record a service that will be posted on our YouTube page, the church website and in Crosscurrents, as we have been doing. There will also be a Facebook live feed on Sunday morning of the actual service.

- There will be no congregational singing.
- There will be no choir.
- There will be soloists.
- Plexiglas shields are now on the lectern.

The worship committee is working with Pastor Elizabeth to plan these services.

We expect that the first services will have a small attendance. We also expect to make some mistakes along the way.

The transition team is planning to make a video to walk people through the opening process so they can see what this actually looks like.