



Aldersgate Sunday Worship In-person Guidelines

First and foremost, let us remember we are the Body of Christ. We will continue to love one another and honor and respect one another by following these safety guidelines to protect ourselves and each other from becoming infected with the virus that causes COVID-19.

New Worship Times

The traditional service will begin at 8:15 AM, followed by contemporary services at 9:45 and 11:11 AM. All worship services will be shortened to approximately 45 minutes to allow time for cleaning between services and for people to leave one service before other people are entering for the next service.

Entering the Building

Entrance doors will be propped open 15 minutes prior to each service to signal when the facilities have been prepared for you to enter. Please wait for the signal before trying to enter the building. If a line forms while waiting to enter, please maintain a safe six-foot distance between families.

Ushers will seat you in the sanctuary beginning at the front and moving toward the rear. Overflow seating will be available in the Commons and the ARK Deck if needed.

Before you enter the building, a volunteer will take your temperature and record your name. If you have a temperature of 100° or more, you will be asked to return home and worship online.

Social Distancing

Please observe social distancing of six feet in all parts of the building. Families may sit together but must remain socially distant from other families. A good rule of thumb is to leave four chairs between each family.

Exiting the Building

After worship, the ushers and pastors will dismiss each row one at a time. Those seated in the Commons will exit first. Sanctuary seating sections to stage left will exit through the single door to the parking lot on the south side of the sanctuary. Seating sections to stage right will exit through the double doors at the rear of the sanctuary. Those in the ARK Deck will exit through the Learning Center doors. When exiting, please go directly to your vehicle observing social distancing.

Offering and Communion

Offering boxes are available in the Commons, outside the church office, and by the sanctuary south exit.

On communion Sundays, a masked and gloved volunteer will hand out individual prepackaged communion cups containing juice and a communion wafer to each person who desires to participate.

Additional Precautions

Everyone is encouraged to wear masks. All volunteers and staff *must* wear masks. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided.

Coffee and refreshments will not be provided at this time.

Children, Youth and Nursery Ministries will not be available at this time.

Common areas will be cleaned and disinfected between services.

As new guidelines are provided, we will continue to adjust these practices.

Please remain home and worship online if you are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

Fever (temp of 100° +)

Chills

Sore throat

Frequent cough

Shortness of breath at rest

Pain or tightness in chest

Flu-like symptoms

Muscle pain (unrelated to exercise)

Loss of taste or smell