

SALEM'S SMART PLAN

(March 9, 2022)

As we continue indoor worship services, we are putting some new guidelines in place with respect and kindness to our neighbors foremost in our minds.

- We acknowledge that everyone has their own level of risk tolerance, and that many are not comfortable attending an indoor service. Services will continue to be streamed live on FB, posted on our website.
- PLEASE stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness.
- Masks are optional for worship and all activities.**
- Everyone will sign in upon entering the building for worship services.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at entrance.
- Those who are comfortable doing so are encouraged to join in singing and group speaking during the service.
- Communion distribution protocols are as follows:
 - 1.Pastor and communion assistant will be masked during communion.
 - 2.Pastor and communion assistant will publicly sanitize their hands as they prepare for distribution.
 - 3.Distribution will be at a single station in the front of the church, not at the communion rail.
 - 5.Ushers will direct people to communion by rows to prevent people being too close to each other in the communion line. People will be encouraged to be a safe distance from one another while they are in the communion line.
 - 5.People in the right and middle sections will come to the communion station up the middle aisle and turn left to receive the wine. They will continue down the left aisle and return to their places through the narthex. People in the left side of the center section will be ushered back through the narthex to the center aisle to come to the communion station. The station for the section by the windows will shift so that people can come up the left aisle and return to the places by the windows. This movement will keep people from needing to walk in front of the worship team.
 - 6.Pastor will distribute the wafers to each person, placing the wafer in their hands.
 - 7.The communion assistant will hold the tray with individual cups and people will take a cup from the tray, rather than have it handed to them by the assistant.
 - 8.The trays will be set up with space between the cups so that people can take them out without touching another cup.
 - 9.The prepackaged communion will be available to people who do not want to receive communion at the communion station.
 - 10.Children who do not yet receive communion may come to receive a blessing. The pastor uses one hand for distribution and the other hand for blessings.
- In order to reduce touched surfaces/traffic:
 1. Offerings will be collected in a basket as you enter the sanctuary; there will also be a basket for recycling bulletins.
 2. Nursery will be available but not staffed.
- Coffee Fellowship and other Gatherings may resume serving both food and beverages.