

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

FAQS

RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT THIRD STREET CHURCH OF GOD

WHEN WILL THIRD STREET CHURCH OF GOD RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP?

Third Street Church of God will resume in-person weekly services on Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 11 am.

WILL REGISTRATION OR PROOF OF VACCINATION BE REQUIRED?

Registration and proof of vaccination are not required for attendance.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND PUBLIC WORSHIP AT THIS TIME?

In-person worship is open to persons **5 years and older**.

WHAT MEASURES ARE CONGREGANTS BEING ASKED TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO PROMOTE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL WORSHIPPERS?

In the interest of protecting the entire congregation everyone is required to:

- Wear a proper mask that covers the nose and mouth while in the building. Masks with valves, bandanas and neck gaiters are not permitted.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth, or the front of the face mask.
- Wash hands frequently using soap and water or a hand sanitizing solution containing at least 65% alcohol.
- Maintain a physical distance of 6 feet.
- Follow visual cues provided throughout the building to aid in compliance with safety measures.
- Stay at home if sick or feeling unwell.
- Avoid physical contact with other worshippers--**no hugging or shaking hands**.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR CHECKING-IN?

- The check-in process will take place in the administrative lobby (parking lot entrance).
- Worshippers will provide their name and a contact phone number. (A contact number is needed should it become necessary to notify worshippers of a COVID-19 related issue).
- Worshippers will be checked to ensure that a mask is worn and that they are not exhibiting signs and symptoms of a COVID-19 infection.

WHERE IS THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT TO THE SANCTUARY OR FELLOWSHIP HALL?

- All worshippers will enter and exit through the administrative lobby.
- The elevator in the lobby is available for access to the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

WHAT SAFETY MEASURES CAN I EXPECT TO SEE WHEN I ARRIVE?

- Touchless automated hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the building.
- Signs and posters are located throughout the building to promote awareness of the need to practice the 3 Ws: "**Wear a mask. Watch where you stand. Wash hands frequently.**"
- Floor markings and signs have been placed to promote physical distancing.
- Frequently touched items such as doorknobs, door handles, and microphones will be sanitized in real time.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN THE SANCTUARY?

- Seating in the sanctuary has been reconfigured to promote a physical distance of 6 feet between worshippers.
- The first and last two pews and every other pew on each side of the sanctuary are closed for seating.
- Each open pew can accommodate two individuals from different households or multiple family members from the same household.
- Exiting the sanctuary will be a staged process beginning with the rear pews and moving to the front pews with dismissal of one pew at a time. Worshippers will be guided through the exit process by ushers or members of the Safe Return Task Force.
- After the benediction, please remain seated until your pew receives direction to exit.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL?

- The Fellowship Hall has been reconfigured to promote a physical distance of 6 feet between worshippers.
- Food and beverage stations have been removed from the Fellowship Hall.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT IN THE WORSHIP FORMAT?

- The worship format has been designed to provide a touchless worship experience.
- Bibles, hymnals, and other shared items have been removed from the pew pockets.
- The distribution of paper bulletins has been discontinued.
- The call to worship and scripture readings are projected onto the media screens in the sanctuary. You may bring your own Bible or cell phone for the scripture readings.
- Congregational singing and choirs have been suspended until further notice.
- Music is provided by members of the Praise and Worship Team.
- The use of wind instruments has been suspended until further notice.
- Meet and greet is suspended until further notice so that we can maintain social distancing.
- Verbal testimonies and prayer requests have been suspended until further notice.
- Prayer requests can be submitted by contacting the church office. Urgent prayer requests can be given directly to the Pastor.
- Opportunities for sharing verbal prayer requests and testimonies are available during the Wednesday Word and Prayer Call.
- Offerings are collected using long-handled wire baskets. Electronic giving is encouraged.
- Communion is served in individually prepackaged kits containing the communion elements.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Restrooms on the first floor of the administrative annex are available for one-person use.
- Restrooms in the Fellowship Hall are available for two-person use.
- Touchless automatic hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the building.
- Water fountains are sealed off from use until further notice. You may bring bottled water for your personal use.
- Food and beverage services are suspended at this time.

Third Street Church of God will continue to follow the guidance of the District of Columbia and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for COVID-19 and revise our safety measures accordingly.

