

Proposed Way Forward Return & Renewal Committee

22 July 2020

Worship:

- Continue with online worship, live broadcast when new equipment installed
- In-person worship in the sanctuary requires modification to normal procedures
 - Limited seating due to social distancing
 - Pre-registration and seat selection via online sign-up
 - Approve Digital Ministries purchase of Thunder Tix software
 - All ages / families -- Each family must sit together
 - Congregants over 2 yrs must wear masks
 - Removal of hymnbooks, bibles, pew pads
 - Offerings via on-line or check only
 - Hand-sanitizing stations
 - Foot traffic management for entry / exit
 - Cleaning protocols
 - Appropriate signage
- Some worship / related activities judged **not safe at this time**
 - Choir, hymn singing
 - Fellowship Hour in FH
 - In-person Creation Station, and Nursery
 - Bus service
- Still reviewing
 - Recitation of corporate prayer / creeds
 - Communion
 - Baptisms
- Weddings & Funerals in sanctuary limited (for now) to 25 with masks & social distancing
- Test and modify new procedures with small groups – no more than 15 (plus clergy / staff) in sanctuary
 - Soft opening dates limited to elders, deacons, R&R committee
 - Soft openings begin 13 September, single 11 am service
- September Session meeting: Assess readiness to open for limited congregational access with new procedures
 - No earlier than 4 October

Formation:

- *Adult Formation:*
 - All offerings will be online for the foreseeable future
- *Youth Formation:*
 - Most fellowship and learning events will be scheduled on Sundays, 2:00 p.m. and later
 - Online learning activities
 - Some outdoor in person activities with masking and social distancing
 - Currently limited to no more than 25

- *Children's Formation*
 - Live online Church School offerings prior to Sunday worship
 - Opportunities for children and families to have in person fellowship events as safety permits -- outdoors, with masking and social distancing
 - Childcare will not be available at the church during worship/formation at this time

- *Music Ministries:*
 - Continued opportunities for in-person rehearsals/recordings of groups for which such is safe (strings/bells)
 - Occasional use of soloists in worship as safe
 - Continued nurturing of music ministries participants in choirs and ensembles as has been done during this time when in-person music is not safe

- *Westminster Weekday Pre-school*
 - Allowed to open with combination of in-person and online as WWP pre-school staff and board determine
 - If online, WPC will assist in separate software licensing
 - Will follow state, federal and licensing guidelines concerning COVID-19
 - Has access to WPC office (though office may not always be staffed)
 - Will have to monitor opening and departure times as facility itself will not be open to the public, and may use both Pre-school entrances (including Lobby)
 - Use of additional rooms in the building can be requested by Pre-school staff to WPC staff on case by case basis
 - Immediate family of Pre-school staff may use Pre-school office for study if appropriately separated from preschoolers
 - WPC will not use Pre-school classrooms on weekends

Next Steps:

- R&R to continue refining worship details for testing
- Complete work on Congregational Life and Non-Church Affiliated Groups
 - Will require called meeting of Session