

## J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Dear Members and Friends of J. J. White Memorial Presbyterian Church,

We have good news and much information to share! The good news is that we will resume Sunday morning Worship Services in our sanctuary, starting Sunday, June 21, 10:30 a.m. We have missed you! Please study the following information before you come so that we may gather safely.

**We will gather for worship on Sunday, June 21, and worship will be the only activity we will resume on that date.**

- There will be no breakfast or Sunday School that morning, and other activities will not resume that day.
- We will announce dates of additional activities when we can.
- Other groups using our building will also not meet for a while.

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### WHEN YOU ARRIVE

- **We will only use the entrance on Delaware Avenue which includes the accessibility ramp** to enter the sanctuary. (In the event of inclement weather, we may open additional doors.)
  - We encourage you to keep appropriate distance from one another as you enter.
  - You may want to plan to arrive earlier than normal to accommodate this process.
- We will post health related questions at the entrance. If you have a fever or other health symptoms, we ask you to stay at home and watch the service online.
- We encourage you to wear masks and will have some available for those who do not bring their own. Those declining to wear masks will be seated farthest from other worshipers.
- Upon entry, ushers will greet you, take your temperature (using a no-touch thermometer), offer hand sanitizer, record your attendance, and escort you and your family to a seat.
  - We will arrange for distance between families throughout the sanctuary.
  - Please don't be offended if you are asked to sit somewhere other than where you usually do.
- The restrooms on the sanctuary level of the building will be cleaned and sanitized before and after worship and **will be the only restrooms open.**

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### DURING THE SERVICE

You will notice some changes in our regular worship order:

- We will not participate in congregational singing at first. We have been advised that there is danger of transmission of disease when we sing together. We hope to resume this important part of our worship when we can.

- Pew Bibles and hymn books will not be available.
- **Bulletins will be available in your pew.** This will limit the number of people who touch them.
- **We will not pass the offering plates** among the pews. We are grateful for your continuing faithful giving, and will have offering plates available at several places in the sanctuary and encourage you to **leave your offering there as you come and go.**
- **The Nursery will not be open for now.** Children are welcome in the sanctuary. If that is not an option, we encourage families with small children to remain at home and to watch the service online.

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## **AS YOU LEAVE**

- Ushers will assist you in leaving row by row from the back of the sanctuary. All exits will be open as you depart.
- The Pastor will not be at the door as you leave. We encourage you not to shake hands, hug, or to touch each other in other forms of greeting.
- Remember to maintain social distance as you return to your cars.

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## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- Online worship will continue.
  - We will continue to broadcast worship online and will keep you apprised of how to access the service online if you choose to stay at home.
  - We will also continue to post daily reflections on Scripture to Facebook and to our email distribution list.
- Make wise decisions.
  - Your Session has tried to plan for a safe return to worship. Please make wise decisions about your participation based on your own circumstance.
  - If you are sick, please stay home.
  - If you develop symptoms after being at church, please let us know immediately.
- Keep our church family in your prayers. Please pray for one another, for your Session, and for all who will assist in helping us return to worship.

We look forward to seeing you in worship on Sunday, June 21, at 10:30 am. If you have questions, please be in touch with Bob or another member of the Session. God has been among us during our time of confinement, and God will guide us as we return to our worship life together. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Your Session: Rev. Bob Phelps, Pastor and Moderator, Ally Allred, Andrew DeCoux, Wayne Hutchison, Tommy Ratcliff, Whitney Rawlings, Ray Salter, Joseph Spurgeon, Rusty Whittington, Beth Wild