

## Guidelines for “In-person Worship Bethesda Presbyterian Church

The following plan has been approved by the Session re-opening of “in-person” worship Bethesda. In person worship will begin on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Worship services will be held at 10:00 am. Children’s Church / Bible study will again be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am. There will be no adult Sunday morning Bible study or nursery service at this time. The following measures will be put in place for “In-person Worship”.

- The weekly worship service will be kept to 45 minutes in length.
- Worshippers may participate in worship responses and singing **IF** they wear a protective mask.
- Entry and exit from the sanctuary will be through the front or side entrances of the church. The congregation will exit the sanctuary by rows and completely exit the building into the parking lot before congregating in fellowship.
- Hand Sanitizer will be available at the entry door.
- Seating will be in every other rows. These rows will be clearly identified.
- The first two rows of the center section of seating will be left vacant to provide social distance space for the minister during the service.
- Elders on Duty / Ushers will assist worshippers to a proper row seating upon arrival if needed.
- Members will refrain from physical contact during the worship service, i.e. passing of the peace observing social distance practices.
- Families / couples may be seated in the same pew without regard to 6- foot social distance requirements if they desire. Individual members and couple pairs shall observe 6- foot social distance requirements from other members in seating.
- The Weekly Worship Service will continue to be recorded and made available on-line each week during the worship hour
- The On-line worship service will continue to offer a message to children.
- Elders are encouraged to take part in the weekly service serving as liturgist and offering messages of hope and support to the congregation.
- Designated offering collection points will be available at the church entrance point.
- Elders on Duty / Ushers will assist with seating dismissal by rows at the conclusion of the service.
- This plan is a living document and may be changed as conditions warrant.

Other information of interest to the congregation related to sanctuary preparation. The sanctuary has had extensive cleaning to all wood work carpets and surfaces. The pew seat cushions have been temporarily removed due to difficulty in continued cleaning requirements with reopening. The sanctuary will be thoroughly cleaned each week after worship services.