

To our First United Methodist family,

I am excited that this Sunday, September 6, we will host two in-person worship services. We will continue to have an outdoor worship at 9 AM just outside our sanctuary. We will continue to stream this service to our website and Facebook page as well as broadcast short-range on 102.5 FM for those who would like to stay in their vehicles. Just like last Sunday, we will make a decision on whether or not to hold the service outside or have streaming-only at 6 AM Sunday morning. Check the church Facebook page after 6 AM on Sunday to check the status of the worship.

Then at 11 AM we will host a worship service inside of our sanctuary. Because indoor environments are more risky when it comes to transmission of the virus, this service will have some particular guidelines. Here is what you can expect at this new service:

- Everyone will enter the sanctuary via the main sanctuary door. An usher will greet you and open the door for you. In the entrance area, there will be a hand sanitizing station, bulletins, and masks. We're asking everyone to wear their mask so that we can abide by Alabama law and more importantly keep one another safe.
- Since elevators are poorly ventilated and are considered high-risk areas, we are seeking to keep the use of ours to a minimum. But should it be necessary to use, an usher will be at the elevator entrance on the first floor to assist you.
- Every other pew will be available for seating. We will seat worshippers on the ground floor first, and only use balcony seating should the ground floor be filled. We will use standard social distancing and keep a minimum of 6 feet between others outside our household.
- When the service is over, we will exit the sanctuary through the main doors. If you have brought your offering in person, you can place it in the offering basket as you are leaving.

This service will be available to watch live on the website and our Facebook page for those who are not ready to worship in-person. I'm looking forward to having another opportunity to see all of you! Let us keep one another in prayer and stay focused on and committed to our purpose of making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,

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