

In-Person Worship in Immanuel Sanctuary starting March 28

Dear Immanuel Family and Friends,

THANK YOU for your patience as we have awaited improvement on COVID-19 infection rates and vaccine availability.

We are pleased to announce that barring any sudden uptick in Covid cases, we will be offering Phase 1 in-person worship on Sundays, beginning Palm Sunday March 28, 2021 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

In person services will be the same format as our trial service on October 18, 2020 with masks, limited attendance, physical distance between families and increased hygiene as examples. So, this means we will not yet have live singing and communion will be pre-packaged and taken at your seat. Maximum attendance will be 48 people per service and reservations will be required. Reservations for the March 28 service will be available via call into the office 208-344-3011 starting Monday, March 22 at 9:00 am. Note, we will not yet restart in-person coffee hour or in-person education.

For Phase 1 we will continue to also offer our current format of on-line worship. The sermons for both in person and online services will be the same. Future phases of in-person and online worship will change as we are able to do more in person. Timing and content are yet to be determined.

Example Service Content – Phase 1

- Prelude music (instrumental or pre-recorded)
- Pastor's Welcome comments
- Confession and Forgiveness
- Prayer of the Day
- Readings
- Sermon
- Instrumental music
- Prayers of Intercession
- Lord's Prayer
- Communion at your seat (using pre-packaged communion elements)
- Blessing
- Ministry news
- Sending music as pods are dismissed one by one for departure via Hospitality Room
- The Courtyard has 6-foot spacing placards for visiting outside (masks must be worn while on property)
- No in-person coffee hour or in-person education class at this time



We will be leaving the doors and windows open and the exhaust on to ensure good airflow as additional safeguards for our space.

Whether you choose to worship in person or online is a personal decision and unique for every family and individual's circumstances. We welcome you in whatever format you find comfortable at this time.

God's Peace,
Barb Schmidt, President