

To the members & friends of First EPC:

Thank you for helping us hold our 'in person' worship service this past Sunday in a fashion that followed the guidance offered to churches. You all did a great job. That being said, we do want to offer a couple of clarifications.

First, we have been careful to place bulletins on pews in such a way as to maintain the 6-foot physical distance. In the center section you will find these grouped at the end of the pew. On the side sections you will find them grouped closest to the outside wall. What we're asking is that you restrict yourself to the ends of these pews as individuals, or a couple or a family. Be mindful of those seated in your row and please help us maintain the 6 foot distance between households. If you cannot find a designated pew, consult with an usher. Also remember, not everyone is yet comfortable with physical contact, so please refrain from shaking hands, standing too close while visiting, etc.

Second, masks. We are not mandating masks because there are differences of opinion about them. Some wear them for their own sake. Some wear them for the sake of others. People wear, or don't wear, them because of

competing opinions from ‘experts’ they trust as well as a dozen other reasons for and against. This is an issue that we hope will not cause unnecessary friction, so let us practice grace as we gather and use wisdom as we choose a place to sit. Also, Cathy Leonard graciously created masks for those who would like one and you will find them in the Ramp Room. They’re wonderful.

As always, if you or anyone in your family is running a fever, or has exhibited symptoms associated with COVID-19, or has been exposed to anyone with it, we ask that you all remain at home and view the video broadcast of the abbreviated service.

Make use of the hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes.

If you have brought an offering, please deposit it in the offering plates as you enter the sanctuary.

Our nursery is open and ready for business but the Children’s Worship Center is not.

Sunday school will resume June 7<sup>th</sup>, details to follow.

Hopefully, we’ll see you Sunday.