

Salem United Methodist Church COVID-19 Response

What to expect when we re-open our church

- Please preview these videos prior to service if possible.
 - o Nurse Demonstrates How Germs Spread Even With Gloves | NowThis: <https://youtu.be/ZmOzIXASjV8>
 - o Mask Wearing 101: How to Properly Use & Re-use a Mask: <https://youtu.be/JwPWdkbyizw>
- Please stow in your car or pocket your cell phone (remember to silence it or turn it off), wallet, purse etc. Please carry nothing into the building by hand. Exceptions will be made for medications (e.g. inhalers, epipen, etc.) and ambulatory aids.
- Offering plate will be provided to deposit offering prior to service at the entry door.
- Please maintain 6 foot social distancing throughout your visit. Be sure your group you want to be seated with has arrived so you can be seated together when entering.
- Screening questions will be asked prior to entering the building.
- Your temperature will be taken with a non-contact thermometer. Your temperature will not be recorded unless it indicates a fever over 100.3°F. If your temperature exceeds 100.3°F:
 - o you will be asked to leave and worship from home;
 - o you will be provided information about COVID-19 testing and nearest test sites.
- Please do not carry in masks or gloves (this is to prevent cross contamination).
- Clean new masks will be provided for all adults. Masks will be provided for children at parents' discretion (If child will be touching and removing mask, please do not place mask on child).
 - o Greeters will dispense hand sanitizer for you upon arrival.
 - o Greeter will give you a fresh clean mask. Please refrain from touching your face (once mask is on) or objects in the building.
 - o After you place our mask on your face, a greeter will provide you with hand sanitizer.
- An Usher will escort you or your group to a pew. Expect that some pews will be restricted to maintain social distancing; therefore, you will likely be seated in a different pew than you are normally accustomed to.
- We will have disposable towelettes available in the pews. During service if you touch your face or mask please re-sanitize your hands with disposable towelettes in the pews.
- Bibles, Hymnals, Offering Envelopes, and pencils/pens will be removed from the pews.
- We will not have in-person choir or Praise Power performances. Recorded performances will continue. Please refrain from singing along at this time.

- Please try not to leave your seat.

- We are restricting movement in the building:
 - o No use of the downstairs fellowship area nor classrooms.
 - o The bulk of the Narthex will be closed. Upstairs restrooms will be available, but only with social distancing enforced. If you need to use the restrooms, please enter through the small door next to the outer office. When done using the restroom please sanitize any handles you may have touched using cleaning cloths provided in the restroom.

- No food nor coffee will be provided after the service. Again, if you want to socialize after the service please do so outside, with appropriate social distance.

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- Usher will dismiss you after church allowing us to maintain social distancing.

- As you exit you may stow your mask in a paper bag provided by a greeter, or you may dispose of the mask in a garbage can at the door as you exit.

- Greeter will dispense hand sanitizer for you upon your exit.

- If you socialize after service outside of the building, please do not block the exit. Maintain social distancing with respect to each other and the church exit. If you are practicing social distancing outside, mask use is optional.