

## **C&C COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN**

Thank you for taking time recently to provide your thoughts and views on reopening. With about 50% of members ready to return, we desire to “open” in a way that safely supports those that are comfortable gathering in person and does not cause strain on those who do not. While we miss you all, please come when you feel safe and ready. The online worship will continue to be an excellent alternative.

In the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to be on several calls with state officials advising churches on reopening. This information was shared with the Council, and we **have decided we can safely reopen our doors for worship at Cross & Crown beginning THIS SUNDAY, May 17.** To promote safety and reduce the risk of spreading the virus and any other illness, we have developed the following plan.

### **IN PERSON WORSHIP: Please review...**

1. Please do not come to church if you or any in your immediate family have any of the following symptoms:
  - a. Temperature OVER 99.4
  - b. Cough, diarrhea, shortness of breath, abdominal pain
  - c. Been around someone in the last few days with COVID-19.
2. Enter the Sanctuary only through the MAIN doors at the front of the Church.
3. Wear/bring whatever Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) you desire for yourself (masks, gloves, etc.) We will have hand sanitizer available, but are not requiring any specific PPE.
4. Bring your own coffee or morning beverage. None will be served for a few weeks.
5. Maintain a distance of at least six-feet from individuals who are not part of your immediate family.
  - a. Refrain from hand shaking and hugging ... even if you are comfortable, others might not be
  - b. Maintain your distance as you leave the sanctuary and when you talk with others. Consider going outside to talk.
6. Sit in every other pew with a space in the middle if a family is on each end
  - a. Use the **BLUE PEWS** for 9AM attenders; **YELLOW PEWS** for 11AM.
7. Try to use the restrooms prior to coming or after leaving. (Restrooms can be a place for germs to spread.)
8. Please RSVP for the service you will be attending
  - a. Not necessary, but helpful for planning
  - b. CLICK on this link: <https://forms.gle/uLXVELUQ84fbrWFk8>
9. Would you be willing to do spot cleaning between services? Let Pastor Mike or Deb Widiger know.

### **What we as a church will do:**

1. Thoroughly clean the sanctuary, restrooms and foyer before Sunday morning worship.
2. Spot clean handles, restrooms, and pews between services.
3. Have common area doors opened to minimize the touching of handles. *(NOTE: During this time, the doors to the kitchen, classrooms and Fellowship Hall will remain closed. We are looking at updating doors to provide foot pulls to help not having to touch the doors.)*
4. We will use the screens to project the full service and refrain from using bulletins, hymnals and Bibles in the pews at this time. *(NOTE: Please bring your personal bible to use during sermons. If you would like to “check out a hymnal” to use each week in worship, please let Pastor Mike know.)*
5. Offerings will be gathered electronically or with a collection plate at the back of church.

### **Ministry adjustments:**

1. Children’s ministry is on hold. (No Kids Time or Kids Church)
2. No Bible study will be conducted between services.

3. No fellowship hour with snacks or mingling in the kitchen.
4. Pastor Geiger will be outside the front of church after the service (weather permitting) so that space for social distancing can be maintained.
5. Celebration of the Lord's Supper will be offered at BOTH services on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays via a "continuous flow" process. The process will be described at each service. *(NOTE: If you desire communion and are comfortable I can come to your home or you may come to church and meet one on one.)*

**Know that while we will take reasonable precautions, we cannot guarantee there is 0% chance of contracting COVID-19 by coming to church. By attending, you therefore assume the risk and liability should you become ill and will not hold Cross and Crown or any individual liable for any illness you may contract by attending worship in person.**

**We know these adjustments can be challenging and we want to do everything possible to help create a positive and comfortable worship experience. If you have other ideas or concerns, please share with Pastor Mike or a leadership team member. We plan to follow this protocol for the next month, adjust as necessary and then reassess in mid-June and send another update. Thank you for your patience and support!**

As always, whether you choose to come or choose to worship online, please reach out and let us know of any needs you may have.

United in Christ,

Pastor Mike and your Church Council