

Returning to Church In-Person
Kirkwood Presbyterian Church
Rev. April 11, 2021

Grace and Peace from Pastor Sandra and the Session:

Kirkwood has revised its COVID-19 protocols as of April 11, 2021. Congregational singing while wearing a mask is now included in our Sunday services. Please read the revised guidelines below:

We continue to encourage older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions to make the decisions that will keep them safe, such as staying at home and participating by electronic means, as it is not possible for us to create a risk-free environment. Remember to always stay home if you have any symptoms or have been in recent contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Our church janitor does a thorough cleaning before Sunday services. We have discontinued the additional wipe-down cleaning with disinfecting solution that volunteers were doing before and after our services.
- Hand sanitizer is available in several convenient locations in addition to hand washing (at least 20 seconds) and “no touch” trash cans.
- Greeters will welcome everyone with a warm word and help them find seats as needed. We will refrain from hugging, shaking hands, or lingering in the narthex, maintaining a distance of at least 3 feet from one another.
- Our seating creates social distancing of at least 3 feet. Family groups that do not socially distance from one another are free to sit together.
- The pastor continues to wear a mask (face covering) except while preaching or leading prayers. We strongly encourage wearing masks when social distancing is not possible. We will have masks available for those who do not bring one. Parents will determine whether their child six or under should wear a mask.

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- Our order of service and bulletins will be provided on the screen and via email/webpage. We will have paper bulletins for those who would like to have them. Hymnals and Bibles are removed from the pews at this time.
- The Lord's Supper is shared in a way that is safe for all and includes those who still need to worship from home.
- An offering plate is provided at the back of the sanctuary, or you may give an offering by electronic giving or "bill pay" through your financial institution.
- Our nursery is now open and is overseen by a volunteer who will wear a mask. We are not having children's church at this time.
- We may mark some areas as not available for use during the Sunday morning worship time. This is so that we can keep those areas clean for use by our preschool summer program and avoid unnecessary maintenance fees.
- We understand that persons with underlying medical conditions and those who are 65 years or older, and persons living in households with more vulnerable individuals are more at-risk. Anyone who should stay home is invited to participate in our online worship through computer or telephone, which will provide equal access for full participation, including prayer requests and worship leadership. This is also a great alternative if you are out of town or want to listen to the service while at work!
- If anyone is experiencing any symptoms of illness (fever, sore throat, achy, sneezing, cough, etc.) or has come into contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, it is your responsibility to remain home. This includes the pastor, worship leaders and volunteer ushers, greeters, etc.