Regathering Plans

Westwood will begin regathering for worship on Sunday August 2\textsuperscript{nd}. Not everyone will be coming back right away – and that’s OK! Worship will still be streamed and will be structured like it has been for the past several weeks.

If you decide to come back now or wait until later in the fall or early next year, know that we are all in this together. No matter where you worship on Sundays, either in the sanctuary or on-line, the Holy Spirit is binding our hearts together and leading us through these days.

As you think about coming to worship, here are some things to consider.

1. Everyone coming to worship will need to register EACH WEEK before attending.
   Please register by Friday at noon by clicking here:
   \url{https://onrealm.org/WestwoodBaptist/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=Y2FiZmQ5OWEtOTdkNi00OGI5LTgyY2ItYWMwMjAwZTg4ZTc2}

   You will be asked to sign into your REALM account. If you don’t have an account, please contact the church office and we will e-mail you an invitation so that you can set one up. We will be sending a new link out each week as well as putting the link on the “Bulletin Board” section of our website.

   Additionally, you can register for worship by e-mailing or calling the church office.
2. If you are feeling ill or running a fever, please do not come to worship (even if you think it’s just allergies.) We are asking those in higher risk categories to please continue to participate in worship from home.

3. Facemasks will be required for all individuals over the age of 10 and will always need to be worn while in the building.

4. Building access will be limited to the Narthex, Sanctuary, and Narthex restrooms. Entry to the building will be allowed only from the Narthex doors (#3 and #8).

5. We will NOT have in-person Sunday School or any other in-person activities/meetings. However, on-line Sunday School classes will continue.

6. There will be no Nursery or Children’s Church or Children’s Message. Children will sit with their families in worship. We will provide worship bags for kids who register. These bags will be labeled with the child's name and will only be used by that child each week.

7. Pews will be blocked off in the sanctuary to ensure physical distancing. Families may sit together.

8. The services will remain short – around 40-45 minutes. Restrooms will be available, but we encourage you to not use them if possible.

9. Everyone attending will be asked to keep physical distance from others while on the campus.

10. The Church Visioning Council will be monitoring numbers in our area. It is possible that we might have to go back to all virtual at some point.

For those who do come to worship, things are not going to feel the same. We are a church that values our welcoming and loving spirit. However, we will have to display that spirit from a distance and behind a mask. It's not going to feel right. However, we believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to connect us and trust the Spirit to be the conduit of our hospitality towards each other.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.