

To the members & friends of First EPC:

The Session met Monday evening and decided that we will resume 'in person' worship this Sunday, May 17. Here briefly, is what you can expect should you decide to be in attendance.

First, 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.

Second, there will be hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes available for your use at the main entrances to the sanctuary. Our facilities have been thoroughly cleaned. Rest assured that we will do all within our power to provide you with a safe environment for worship and study. The use of a mask is entirely up to you.

Third, we ask that you practice 6-foot physical distancing. As warm and friendly as our congregation is, this will be hard, but when you arrive do your best to avoid lingering in the Ramp room or Narthex. As you enter the sanctuary, please choose seats that have bulletins on the pews. These have been strategically placed to indicate

where family units may sit and still maintain adequate physical distance. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

If you have brought an offering, we encourage you, upon your arrival, to place it in the offering plates located inside the sanctuary near the entrances. Ushers will present these at the appropriate time during the order of worship. If you have been making use of our online giving option, we thank you.

There will be a nursery provided. Our paid nursery workers are eager to see your little ones again so, younger children may be entrusted to their care, if you so desire. There will not be a Children's Worship Center experience until further notice, so we encourage you to keep those children with you in worship.

We are delaying the resumption of Sunday school classes, mid-week Bible studies and commission/committee meetings until June so that we can properly provide spaces that will comply with the standards outlined by health authorities.

This cessation of Christian fellowship has been a hardship on all of us who believe that worship & study are 'essential' to what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We

are grateful for the easing of restrictions and are doing our best to strike a balance between being responsible citizens and faithful disciples. We have no doubts that what has transpired has been part of God's providential care for us and the world. Let us continue to ponder the ways in which God is seeking to use His church for His glory in these days. Let us be faithful in all that we do and say.