**PIEDMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Return of In-Person Worship

Piedmont Presbyterian Church has developed this plan for returning to in-person worship according to the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the WVDHHR. Please be aware that this may change at any time and our church will adhere to the changes made by these agencies.

This plan is being sent in writing to all participants in our congregation by email or postal mail. Therefore, please ensure that the church office has your correct address. Changes as needed will be made in the same fashion.

**FACILITIES IN USE**

Church – At this time only part of the church will be opened for use. This includes the sanctuary, the narthex, the elevator and the two rest rooms on the 1st floor. Please use the rest rooms only in an emergency.

Food Pantry Area – This area has been in use during the entire time of Covid19 with certain restrictions. These restrictions will remain as before at this time.

**FACILITY CLEANLINESS AND DISINFECTING**

The church will be cleaned and disinfected with approved disinfectants before reopening. The Food Pantry should notify the church of any changes that may infect any areas of the church and should be responsible for either disinfecting the areas themselves or pay our janitor to do this.

If someone gets sick while at our facility, that area will be closed off. The janitor is to wait 24 hours before the area is cleaned and disinfected. After the cleaning and disinfecting has been completed the area will reopen.

**GENERAL GUIDELINES**

Elderly individuals and anyone with health vulnerabilities are encouraged to stay at home and watch the worship service by getting online at piedmontpresby.com at the time of the worship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Anyone who is sick or has symptoms should stay at home, as well as any other family members.

**We will enter the church from the front.** Ushers will be in the vestibule. Should anyone need the elevator, help will be provided by the ushers. We will also exit from this door. We will enter the sanctuary from the back and fill the places marked, leaving no spaces empty that are marked for use. We will exit from the back with the persons in the back exiting first, etc.; thereby those in front will exit last.

When you enter the church downstairs your temperature will be taken. If your temperature is 100.4 degrees or above, you will not be admitted to the church.

Hand sanitizer will be available and all are asked to use it after entering the church.

Maintain a social distance of 6 feet. No passing the peace, handshakes, hugs, fist bumps or rubbing elbows

Please remember to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or into your arm.

There will be no pew cushions where you will be sitting.

There will be no Bibles or hymnals in the pews. Please bring your own Bibles.

Masks are to be worn properly before entering the building. Masks are available for those who need one.

Offering plates will not be passed. They will be in the narthex for members to drop off donations.

Bulletins will be placed in the pews by the ushers.

There will be no singing at this time. Plexiglass shields will be placed on the pulpit and lecterns.

A small group of trained ushers/greeters will monitor these guidelines and remind individuals as needed.

Some pews will be closed and so marked to maintain 6 feet social distancing.

There will be various signs throughout the church reminding everyone how to stay safe and healthy.

**CHILDREN**

Children under 9 years of age do not need to wear a mask. There will be no nursery available.

Parents are encouraged to keep their children close to them and not let them wander.

**IF SOMEONE GETS SICK WHILE AT CHURCH**

The ill person will be taken to the rear of the 2nd floor. If needed, 911 will be called. If not needed, we will ensure the person will get home safely.

The Session of Piedmont Presbyterian Church knows that this is a trying time for everyone and is doing its best to keep everyone healthy and safe while realizing that our church is essential to our spiritual and mental health. Please bear with us through this time. We will make changes and adjustments as the guidelines change, hopefully for the better.

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