



## **A Letter regarding the Regathering to Public Worship on June 27<sup>th</sup>**

June 25, 2020

Dear Christ Community Church Family:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I hope you are doing well!

It has been over 14 weeks since we last gathered for public worship on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Over the last several weeks the leadership of our church has been praying for God's direction and wisdom regarding when we would regather for public worship. The Session unanimously agreed to resume in-person public worship on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

However, due to concerns about someone with the Coronavirus entering the building and impacting the use of the building for childcare, we are unable to meet at Kids-R-Kids at this time. Therefore, we found another temporary location for us to re-gather for worship. Northside Baptist Church in Ruskin has graciously agreed to allow us to meet at their fellowship hall on Saturday nights.

We plan to begin worshipping there this Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Northside Baptist Church is located on US 41 in downtown Ruskin just north of St. Anne's Catholic Church. Their address is 1301 N U.S. Hwy 41, Ruskin, FL 33570. You will want to park in the back of the building as their entrance to the fellowship hall is in the back. We will have signs on the property directing you to the entrance.

As we re-gather for worship we want to protect, love and support each other in the safest way possible during this unprecedented time. Therefore, we have adopted some guidelines addressing safeguards and suggestions for those who plan to join us for public worship on Sunday mornings. These guidelines are found at the end of this letter. We are aware that some people will see these measures as too restrictive while others will view these measures as too lenient. Nevertheless, these are the guidelines at this time.

Protecting each other in worship is a very high priority, but it is not our highest priority. We are gathering together to worship God. Thus, while our corporate worship will be

different during this time, we strive to avoid excessive distractions that prevent the worship of God.

We have established these guidance in order for us to gather together safely and lovingly protect the lives of all who gather to worship with us, as well as the lives of the people in our community with whom we interact throughout the week. With that in mind, we have sought out the guidance of the CDC, state officials, and other churches as we developed our strategy and guidelines. We will regularly review and update these guidelines in the weeks ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either Pastor Charlie or our worship leader, Paul Northrop.

For those who are not planning to re-gather for public in person worship, we plan to have the worship service on our YouTube channel, Christ Community South Shore by 10:00 am on Sunday morning. You will be able to watch the worship service in a manner similar to the way in which you have been watching the video. Although we do not think we can livestream the video this weekend, we plan to livestream our service on Saturday nights as soon as we have all the necessary equipment in place.

We appreciate your patience, understanding and prayers as we desire to give the Lord the honor due His name, to serve His people well, and to shine for the glory of God in our community.

Please continue to pray for the following:

- The ministry of Christ Community Church.
- Those near and far who have been affected by this virus.
- Our local businesses (also support them as you are able).
- Our government leaders, first responders, essential workers, and the medical community - throughout our nation and around the world.

Again, if you have any concerns about your health or are hesitant about joining others in public worship at this time, you are encouraged to worship by tuning into the service on Christ Community South Shore's Youtube Channel.

With Praise & Thanksgiving,

Rev. Charlie Lewis