



Christ Community Church A Guide for Regathering for Public Worship

We know that this is a difficult and isolating time and understand the longing of all of our church family to meet together again for worship, encouragement and fellowship. The following guidelines will help to maintain a safe, clean and welcoming environment as we regather for public worship:

- 1) Our in-person worship service will resume on Saturday, June 27, 2020 with a 5:30 pm worship service. We are not meeting at Kids-R-Kids but at Northside Baptist Church in Ruskin. We are meeting in their fellowship hall in the back of the building. The address for Northside Baptist Church is 1301 N U.S. Hwy 41, Ruskin, FL 33570.
- 2) A “livestream” video will be available and allow you to watch our worship service on a device as it happens (not sure if we can make this happen the first week. If not it shall be available by Sunday mornings at 10:00 am). You can join us on our YouTube Channel at Christ Community South Shore (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckJIATnfvqg_hs80leuyfSA/featured)
- 3) We are trusting God for wisdom as we move forward with our plans for in-person worship services. People will have different levels of comfort with returning to corporate worship. Not attending our in-person gatherings will never be viewed as a lack of personal commitment or faith in God. Everyone should make decisions as they are led by God for their safety and comfort.
- 4) Given the current situation, we will observe the following general safety practices:
 - a) Maintain safe social distancing practices, which includes observing a “no-touching” policy, avoiding handshakes, hugs or other unnecessary physical contact.
 - b) As much as possible, please try to allow a 6-foot distances from others.
 - c) Masks are highly encouraged but will not be absolutely required. If possible please bring your own masks but extras will be available upon request.
 - d) Observe frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitizer
 - e) Disinfection of surfaces before and after usage

5) We will ask that all of our church members and guests help us to safeguard our community by adhering to the following guidelines from the CDC:

“COVID-19 is a new disease and there is limited information regarding risk factors for severe disease. Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Based on what we now know, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility

People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:

- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
- People with severe obesity
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease

If you are in a high-risk category, because of your age or because you have a serious long-term health problem, it is extra important for you to take actions to reduce your risk of getting sick with the disease. This includes staying home if possible.”

Therefore, as a church we are encouraging anyone in these high-risk categories to think seriously about staying at home at this time. We urge you to consider how important it is not to run the risk of exposure at the church. We want to protect each of our members and visitors as much as possible and to follow the CDC guidelines. We also do not want the church of Jesus Christ to become the subject of criticism in the community for failing to take appropriate precautions to protect everyone.

Guidelines for Reopening

- 1) Proper social distancing will be maintained. Please observe a strict “no touching” policy, avoiding handshakes, hugs, and other unnecessary physical contact.
- 2) If you are sick, please stay home. No one who is sick or showing signs of sickness will be permitted
- 3) Greeters / Ushers will wear face masks and will be available to welcome guests and assist worshippers.
- 4) Worshipers are highly encouraged to wear masks, but they will not be forced to wear one
- 5) Limit gathering or visiting without social distancing.
- 6) Chairs will be spread out, allowing for safe spacing between families, couples or individuals.
- 7) Hand sanitizer will be available, but we also suggest bringing personal hand sanitizer as well.
- 8) Members over 65 or with underlying medical conditions are encouraged not to attend, however no one will be prohibited from attending based on age.
- 9) An offering will not be received during the worship service. Designated containers will be available to receive tithes and offerings. You can also use the online donation option on our webpage or mail a check to Pastor Charlie’s home. (1321 Sheridan Bay Dr., Ruskin, FL 33570).
- 10) We will not be serving refreshments or coffee at this time.
- 11) We will not be distributing the Lord's Supper until further notice.
- 12) We are not offering a Nursery or Children’s church at this time
- 13) At the end of the service, please do not congregate in walkways, allow others plenty of space and maintain social distance in parking lots and common areas.