

UPDATED PROTOCOLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Following our practice throughout the pandemic of adhering to both federal and state guidelines, the Session has approved the following **updated** protocols for our Sunday gatherings:

- Entry and exit for worship will be through the front doors of the sanctuary only.
- Facial coverings are optional, but not required, for vaccinated worshippers.
- Unvaccinated worshippers will be encouraged to continue to wear facial coverings in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- A section of the sanctuary (right front-quadrant on the organ side) will continue to be reserved for those who wish to sit in a compassionate-spacing area. Worshippers choosing to sit in this section must be masked and will be seated by the ushers.
- On the pulpit side of the nave, non-spaced worshippers will now be allowed to choose their seat. Ushers will escort these worshippers to their seats.
- At the conclusion of the service, worshippers seated in the compassionately-spaced areas will be dismissed first and then all others will be dismissed from the rear of the nave to the front, again guided by the deacons/ushers.
- Congregational singing will return to our worship, and Bibles and hymnals will again be in the pew-racks.
- Beginning with the July 18 service, for those who would like to attend, our post-worship coffee hour in the social hall will begin. Those leaving from coffee hour will be able to exit the building at any exterior door.

Approved by Session, July 6, 2021