

St. Paul's UCC in Robesonia
COVID-19 Re-Open Plan
Summary for Indoor In-Person Worship
Revised: Sunday, May 12, 2021

The following are highlights from the church's reopening plan for indoor in-person worship during the pandemic. You can request a complete plan from the church office or view/download it on our website at: <http://www.sprucc.org/news-a-events/news.html#COVID19Precautions>.

1. Only Come If...

Only come if you are feeling healthy, do not have a fever, are able to wear a cloth mask that covers your mouth and nose, are not at risk from an exposure of spreading COVID-19 to others, and are willing and able to follow the safety guidelines.

The Live Stream, Phone Stream, and Facebook Live will continue to be offered, so you can still view and listen at home.

2. Masks Required

Wearing a cloth mask that covers both your mouth and nose will be required while inside the building by all of those over the age of 2 years old.

3. Social Distancing Required

Social Distancing of at least 6 feet will be required.

4. Entering/Exiting & Contact Tracing

Wait outside for ushers/greeters to be ready to welcome arriving people. Worshipers will enter the building at the middle set of doors along Pearl Street (the doors at the stairway). Ushers will take attendance and collect contact tracing information.

5. Limited Seating - Using Multiple Rooms

Due to social distancing, there is limited seating in the sanctuary. When we reach our safety maximum in the sanctuary, additional worshipers will be seated in the Miller Fellowship Hall and then in the old social hall (where they can view worship on the projection/TV screen). Some services will require reservations.

6. No Indoor Fellowship

There will be no fellowship in the church building before or after the worship service, nor receiving line. To maintain social distancing and keep walkways clear, worshipers will be directed to a seat/pew when entering, where they are to remain until the end of worship, when the ushers will promptly dismiss worshipers to leave the building in an orderly fashion.

7. No Indoor Singing & Softly Reading

When indoors, worshipers should *not* participate aloud in the singing - silently read the words to yourself (only the cantor will be singing aloud). Worshipers may participate in softly reading the responsive/unison readings.

8. Wash Hands Frequently

Worshipers should wash/sanitize hands frequently, including when entering/exiting the building and throughly when using the restroom. To the extent possible, use your elbow or hip to open doors.

9. Offering

A basket/plate will be available at the entrance/exit for offering. No offering plate will be passed. For the safety of all, online contributions continue to be encouraged and recommended.

10. Social Distancing When Outside

When standing outside the building, please practice social distancing, mask wearing when not distant, and allow for foot traffic to safely pass by you at a social distance.

****Please note that this plan is subject to change as more information becomes available and changes are happening with respect to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*