

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On May 19, the Session of White Memorial Presbyterian Church voted to change our COVID-19 protocols respective of Executive Order 215, removing mask and social distancing requirements for fully vaccinated individuals.

Summer Worship Schedule

Memorial Day Weekend - Labor Day Weekend | 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Worship FAQs

1. WHAT WILL WORSHIP LOOK LIKE?

If you have been attending worship online during the past several months, you should anticipate essentially the same worship service, in the Reformed Tradition. There will be some alterations within the worship spaces in terms of how congregational singing and speaking are handled.

2. MAY I SCHEDULE A WEDDING OR WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION SERVICE OF WORSHIP (FUNERAL)?

Yes! You may schedule other kinds of worship services as needed. All services will follow the same protocols used during Sunday morning worship services. You may use assigned seating via registration if you prefer.

3. DO I HAVE TO WEAR A MASK? WHAT IF I FORGET MY MASK?

Masks are strongly encouraged but not required for all events on campus, including worship. If you prefer a mask but forget your mask, the ushers will provide you with one.

The Chapel and Geneva Hall are designated as distancing and mask required spaces. These spaces function as overflow spaces from the Sanctuary and Edinburgh, respectively, to offer an opportunity for households to worship, but who may not yet be ready to do so without masks or social distancing.

4. WHERE WILL I SIT?

During the Summer, worship will take place at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and 10:30 a.m. in the Main Hall of the Edinburgh Building for OnPoint@1704.

In the sanctuary, pews will be labeled as unavailable on an every-other-row basis for the 8:30 a.m. services. This is to ensure social distancing during these services.

At 10:30 a.m., those restrictions are lifted, but distancing is still encouraged. You are asked to leave three seats in between each household. In the Chapel and Geneva Hall, rows of chairs are set with appropriate distancing between rows. Masks are required in the Chapel and Geneva Hall.

In the Main Hall of the Edinburgh Building, chairs are set in rows six feet apart. Social distancing is encouraged, but not required.

5. WILL I NEED TO SIGN-IN?

No. Sign-in is no longer required.

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6. WILL THERE BE A BULLETIN?

Yes, there will be a bulletin available upon entry to worship.

7. SHOULD I BRING MY OWN BIBLE?

You may always bring your own Bible, but scriptural texts will be printed in the expanded service bulletins.

8. WILL THERE BE HYMNALS?

Yes. Hymnals are available and all liturgy and hymns will be printed for Sanctuary services or projected in OnPoint@1704.

9. CAN I SING?

If you have chosen to wear a mask while in worship, we invite you to hum or sing quietly along with the choir members and song leaders in our worship services. If you are not wearing a mask we ask that you read along with the lyrics of the music as the choir members or song leader sing the hymns and songs. Our most sincere hope is that later this year we will return to Congregational singing in a much more complete way.

10. WILL THERE BE A PASSING OF THE PEACE?

Yes! Worship leaders will instruct you during the service on how to pass the peace of Christ.

11. WILL COMMUNION BE SERVED?

Communion will be served at all services on the first Sunday of each month. The elements will be in pre-packaged and sealed "Friendship cups" and available upon entry to worship.

12. I AM NOT QUITE READY FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP. WILL WE CONTINUE TO STREAM SERVICES ONLINE?

Yes! We will continue to stream Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

13. WHAT STEPS IS WMPC TAKING TO ENSURE A CLEAN, SANITIZED CAMPUS?

We will cease spraying down pews and chairs in between services, however, advanced ionization air filters were installed last year. Particulates in the air are scrubbed actively throughout the day while you worship and in-between services.

Hospitality FAQs

14. WHERE DO I PARK?

Parking will be available in all the church lots and along the streets surrounding the church.

15. IS THERE A SHUTTLE?

At the outset of in-person worship, we do not anticipate the need for shuttle service. That is one of many things we will grow into as we resume worship services on campus.

16. WILL THERE BE BEVERAGE STATIONS AND COFFEE?

Coffee stations will not be available until the fall.

17. ARE THE PLAYGROUNDS OPEN?

Yes!

18. WILL THERE BE A NURSERY?

Yes. In the summer, the nursery will be open on Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for infants (L103) through four-year olds (L102).

19. CAN CHILDREN ATTEND WORSHIP?

Children can and are encouraged to attend worship services with their parents. Masks will be provided. Children' bulletins will also be available.

20. WILL RESTROOMS BE AVAILABLE?

Yes. As we first re-open restroom facilities will be open between the Sanctuary and the Jane Bell Gathering Space.

21. WILL CHURCH OFFICES BE OPEN?

Yes! Church offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Please call 919-834-3425 to make an appointment.

The lobby is open, and volunteer receptionists have returned. Protective barriers will remain in place for their added protection.

Sunday School & Small Groups

22. WILL THERE BE SUNDAY SCHOOL?

Children's Sunday School will resume on September 12, 2021.

Until that time, Adult Sunday School classes may request to meet on campus. Please contact Jennifer Eastman at jeastman@whitememorial.org. Jennifer will work with your class and other staff to help find a room that allows for your class size and other capabilities.

23. WHAT ABOUT OTHER GROUPS, CAN THEY MEET?

Yes!

- Group leaders should notify their group's primary staff contact to indicate a desire to meet on campus.
- Group leaders must register each meeting with the church and submit an attendance list to the church after every meeting. This may also be done through the church app.
- Masks are strongly encouraged, but not required.
- Outdoor meetings are preferred, if possible.
- Continued online and in-person meetings are encouraged to provide flexibility and control capacity.
- Groups are asked to not bring food or beverages on campus.

24. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT ROOM ON CAMPUS TO REQUEST?

Contact Colleen Aguirre at caguirre@whitememorial.org to make a room request or contact the pastor in charge of your particular event.

25. CAN I ARRANGE FOR A MEAL ON-CAMPUS?

No. Meal service will be re-evaluated in time for the Fall Kick-off Sunday.