

WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

On April 11, 2021, the Session of White Memorial Presbyterian Church voted to remove registration as a requirement for attending worship. Additionally, adult Sunday school classes will be permitted to return on a case-by-case basis.

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 will be required for all events on campus including worship. If you forget your mask, the ushers will provide you with one.

4. WITHOUT REGISTRATION, HOW WILL I ATTEND?

In the sanctuary, available pews will have a pew cushion where you can sit. Pews without a cushion are unavailable for seating. In the Chapel, Pickard Hall, and the Edinburgh Building, rows of chairs are set with appropriate distancing between rows. You are asked to leave three seats in between each household.

In the sanctuary, the seats are numbered to help you with spacing.

Regardless of the service you attend, we ask that your family sit together, wear masks, and “Leave 3” seats in between family groups.

5. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED TO ATTEND?

Depending on the number of persons in households, each worship space can seat 30% of its capacity and maintain social distancing at the following estimated seating capacities:

- **The Sanctuary:** 80 to 120
- **The Chapel:** 30 to 50
- **The Main Hall in the Edinburgh Building:** 80 to 120
- **Pickard Hall:** 75 to 100

6. WILL I NEED TO SIGN-IN?

Yes. There will be a sign-in sheet before entering worship.

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7. WILL THERE BE A BULLETIN?

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

8. SHOULD I BRING MY OWN BIBLE?

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

9. WILL THERE BE HYMNALS?

No. All liturgy and hymns will be printed for Sanctuary services or projected in OnPoint@1704.

10. CAN I SING?

No. At this time we encourage you to “hum” and listen to the music as led by the sanctuary choir and the OnPoint House Band.

11. WILL THERE BE A PASSING OF THE PEACE?

Initially, we anticipate foregoing the Passing of the Peace, but over time we will work to find ways to reintroduce that meaningful element of worship.

12. 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.

13. 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 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

During the time the campus has been closed, our staff, including custodial staff, have worked to understand the best and safest practices for disinfecting the spaces used on the campus. Service times have been set so as to provide ample time for cleaning and disinfecting between services.

Hospitality FAQs

15. WHERE DO I PARK?

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

16. 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.

17. WILL THERE BE BEVERAGE STATIONS AND COFFEE?

Coffee stations will not be available until the Fall.

18. ARE THE PLAYGROUNDS OPEN?

Yes!

19. WILL THERE BE A NURSERY?

Nursery will not be available at this time.

20. CAN CHILDREN ATTEND WORSHIP?

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

21. WILL RESTROOMS BE AVAILABLE?

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

22. WILL CHURCH OFFICES BE OPEN?

Yes! Church offices remained open in a limited capacity since the beginning of the pandemic. Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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

Sunday School & Small Groups

23. 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.

24. 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 be done through the church app, also.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- 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.

25. 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.

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

No. At this time, Wednesday to-go-meals will continue.

Meal service will be re-evaluated in time for the Fall Kick-off Sunday.