

Restoring In-Person Worship at Aisquith Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 28, 2020

Service Details

- Aisquith will hold our first in-person worship service on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at 10:30 am.
- Attendance will be capped at 125 to allow for social distancing between family units.
- Parking is still available at the Parkview Funeral Home and the Harford House.
- We strongly encourage those in the “at-risk” group for contracting Covid-19 to feel free to worship with us via the video service which will continue, and be posted Sunday afternoons. We are unable to provide the services “live” at this time.
- We ask that anyone who is or has recently been sick, had a fever, or shown any symptoms similar to COVID-19 or other flu to stay home.
- No nursery or children’s ministry will be available.

What to Expect in the Service:

- The Session requests that all attenders wear a mask or face shield while in the church building. If you are unwilling to wear a mask, we ask that you continue worshipping on-line at home. We encourage you to bring your own, but masks will be available for any who need them. While this may be frustrating for some, we ask this for three reasons:

1. It is a way to love our congregation. There are some who will be much more comfortable worshipping together with everyone wearing masks. Masks are a small annoyance that can become a willing act of love when it is a way to serve our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. It is a witness in the community. Wearing masks is a tangible sign to many that says that we care about the health of our community. Wearing masks will minimize the community concern that our worship is a threat to their safety.
3. A recent study notes that congregational singing is one of the most aggressive ways to spread a disease by distributing fluid particles in the air. If we’re going to sing God’s praise, masks are a wise and prudent choice right now.

- Seating will be restricted to alternate rows and in family units. No hymn books or pew Bibles will be in use. Music and Scripture readings will be printed and distributed as you enter the sanctuary. Please take the order of service home or discard them in the narthex trash cans. Don’t leave them in the pews!

- Entry to the sanctuary will be from the sanctuary doors only. The lower entrance will remain locked. If you need to use the elevator, please call ahead of time and someone will be available to open the lower doors and help you to the elevator. We ask that you only use the restrooms located beneath the narthex or those on the second floor. Do not travel to other areas of the building. Classroom doors will be locked. This will enable us to control our sanitizing efforts to specific parts of the building.
- We will hold a “touch-less” service: hymns will be printed in the bulletins rather than sung from hymnals, offering plates will be by the door after the service and will not be passed, greeters will not shake hands, exterior doors and doors into the sanctuary will be kept open so each family does not have to open them. We strongly encourage you **NOT** to greet others with handshakes or hugs!
- The celebration of the Lord’s Supper will of necessity be different too. Pre-packaged wafers and juice will be picked up off a table in the narthex on the way into the service. You should place them in the pew rack until we use them at the end of the service. The used cups and coverings should be deposited in the narthex trash cans as you leave.
- Every effort will be made to sanitize high contact surfaces in the building. Attendees are also strongly encouraged to wash their hands and to use hand sanitizer regularly while here.
- Those attending are asked to social distance before and after the service. Please move quickly through the narthex and find seats at least six feet from other groups. We ask that you exit immediately after the service and hold conversations outside. We want to fellowship together as God’s people while submitting to medical recommendations and mitigating risk in the process.

The Session and Deacons boards