

Powell UM Church Reopening FAQ Sheet

- *Q: When will we begin in-person worship?*
A: In-person worship will begin on Sunday, July 19.
- *Q: Will our worship schedule change?*
A: Two worship times will be offered, at 9:30am and 11:00am and they will be identical and a more traditional style. Our 8:15 early service is not going away but remains on hold during this reopening process. Beginning with just two services will help us manage the logistical elements of our process. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters.
- *Q: What can we expect when we return to worship?*
A: We can expect 1) persons stationed to open the door 2) Flow into and out of the building will be designated to minimize use of door handles 3) Seating will be limited and guided by ushers 4) Every other pew will be closed, and those attending will be asked to sit in family groupings or as individuals, observing the social distancing guideline of 6 feet.
- *Q: Will face coverings be required?*
A: We are asking worship attenders to wear face coverings when in the building. This is one of the best ways to limit the spread of disease and it communicates our care of one another. Disposable masks will be provided for those who have need.
- *Q: Will the style of worship be what we are used to?*
A: Things will be different. No group singing will take place at this time, but soloists or small ensembles (spaced apart) can be used. It has been shown that group singing greatly increases the spread of disease.
- *Q: Will the sanctuary be the same?*
A: The altar will be decorated each week. We will not produce a weekly bulletin and our pew racks will be emptied of hymnals, bibles, and response cards. Those attending will be encouraged to access our prayer ministry by way of our website.
- *Q: Will we collect an offering?*
A: The offering will not be collected by way of plates or baskets. Offering stations will be positioned at each sanctuary entrance, for folks to access as they come and go. We encourage access to our electronic giving options.
- *Q: What else will be different?*
A: Services will be shorter than usual to minimize our exposure to one another and to increase the time needed to sanitize the building between services. Our balcony will be available for seating and overflow in the Fellowship Hall will be available when needed. These areas will also offer socially distanced seating.
- *Q: What if we run out of room?*
A: If seating capacity is reached, we will close the building and direct attention to another service or to online worship.

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- *Q: Can we stay and visit with one another?*
A: No refreshments or fellowship time will be offered, and those attending will be encouraged to exit the building quickly to minimize contact with others and to allow time to prepare the building for the next event.
- *Q: Will sanitizer be available?*
A: Bottles of sanitizer and sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building, especially at restroom areas.
- *Q: How will the building be cleaned between services?*
A: Volunteers and staff will serve as cleaning crews between services.
- *Q: Will online worship continue?*
A: Online worship options will continue, as we know numbers of people will not or cannot return to in-person worship for some time.
- *Q: What about our children's programming on Sundays?*
A: No in-person children's programming or childcare will be offered at this time.