

As we continue to respect the health risks of the COVID-19 epidemic, we also seek to physically gather as the body of Christ. In alignment with the guidelines published by state and federal public health experts, we plan hold a modified outdoor worship service on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, weather permitting. This is in response to recent elevated COVID-19 activity in our community and our desire to continue safely meeting in-person. We recommend that particularly vulnerable members of our community continue to worship from home at this time. Anyone feeling sick or who has had contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate from any public gathering, including church services. We will continue to offer services in an online format for the foreseeable future.

We will continue to gather under Phase 1 of FCC Erwin's Back-to-Church Plan, comprised of the following changes to our normal activities:

## what you need to know...

When are we meeting again?

October 25, 10:45-11:30am

What will be different?

- Amended, shortened worship service only
- Service held <u>outside</u> at front of church
- Modified communion
- Additional hygiene and safety measures

(all detailed below)

- Only the Sunday morning worship service is affected by this temporary change. All other services and activities remain unchanged until further notice.
- Sunday morning worship services will begin at 10:45AM and last until approximately 11:30AM. The service will be held outside at the front of the church building. Some seating will be provided, but please plan to bring camp chairs or other seating as needed. This service will retain the format and order featured during recent online services—see order of service below. Service guides will be stationed at the front door to provide important information; please use only the front sanctuary doors for entry.
- We recommend that each person wear a face-covering while in the church building. The CDC recommends the use of cloth face-coverings, which we encourage everyone to bring from home, and that face-coverings should not be placed on children under 2 years old. Disposable, single-use surgical facemasks will be offered upon entry.
- We recommend that family units maintain at least 6-feet of distance from other families at all times, and that everyone maintain 15-feet of distance from those on the church steps and balcony.
- We ask that everyone in attendance take their seats immediately upon arrival and remain seated throughout the service, with the exception of needed bathroom trips and emergencies. Once the service has concluded, we ask that everyone dismiss and leave immediately thereafter. The church building will be open for bathroom use only, which can be easily accessed via the side door.
- 6 Communion elements will be prepared and provided upon arrival.
  - We ask that any offerings be dropped in the provided offering box, which will be marked for your convenience. Offerings may also be mailed to the church as normal.

In addition to these changes and safety measures, we will also implement deeper cleaning and regular sanitization procedures throughout the common areas of the church. We will also have hand-sanitizer stations strategically located for your use.

## Order of Service

- 1 Welcome & Announcements 10:45 AM
- 2 Worship Song
- Worship Song
- 4 Scripture Reading
- 5 Worship Song

- 6 Prayer
- Sermon
- 8 Worship Song
- 9 Communion
- 10 Closing Prayer & Dismissal 11:30 AM

## **Outdoor Service Map**



Please restrict seating to the grass and sidewalk areas (light green and light gray in the map). Services will be conducted from the front of the church building in the red area of the map.