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# In-Person Worship Guidelines

*Updated September 1, 2020*

Attendees are encouraged to follow precautionary guidelines. Per the Ohio Statewide Mask Order issued by Governor DeWine, face masks or face coverings must be worn by all attendees. Please observe social distancing guidelines.

All services will be livestreamed on our online church platform at <https://firstpresmaumee.online.church/>.

## **BASIC FACILITY RULES**

- If you are sick or displaying symptoms (fever, coughing, etc.) please stay home.
- Frequently wash or sanitize your hands, and cover your mouth when sneezing or coughing.
- Maintain 6' of social distance and avoid physical contact and high touch surfaces (doorknobs, handrails, etc.).
- We require the use of face masks or face coverings per the Ohio Statewide Mask Order issued by Governor DeWine.
- Please refrain from using other areas in the building not related to worship.

## **Service Times/Doors Open**

Please wait to enter the church until 20 minutes before the start of the service. This will help ensure that the staff and volunteers have enough time to clean and prepare for each service.

- 9:00 am Modern Service - 8:40 am Doors Open
- 10:45 am Traditional Service - 10:25 am Doors Open

## **The Sanctuary**

Both services will be held in the Sanctuary. We will use every other pew and encourage social distancing. Ushers will assist in seating attendees.



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## **The Fellowship Hall**

The Fellowship Hall will be used as a family-friendly environment from which families can participate in the simulcasted service. Fellowship Hall will also be used as overflow seating if the Sanctuary is full.

## **Nursery & Children's Church**

Children's Church will be offered for children in age 4 through 5th grade at both worship services. A maximum of 8 children will be allowed for each service. RSVPs are requested. Contact Jeanette Axford, Coordinator of Family Ministries, to RSVP.

Our nursery will be available by request only for children birth through 3 years old. A maximum of 3 children will be allowed. RSVPs are required. Contact Jeanette Axford, Coordinator of Family Ministries, to RSVP.

## **Cleaning**

Surfaces will be cleaned between services. This will include pews in the Sanctuary, seats in the balcony, tables in the Fellowship Hall, door handles and railings, elevator buttons, and other surfaces.

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers, Deacons, Ushers and Church Staff will be wearing masks while serving (except while leading worship).

## **Worship Activities**

### **Hymns & Scripture**

Bibles & hymnals will be removed from the pews to help with ease of cleaning between services. Lyrics & scripture will be projected on the screens. You are encouraged to bring your own bibles with you each week.

### **Singing**

There will still be congregational singing. Masks are required.



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### **Offering**

The Sanctuary offering will be collected in the Narthex as people exit. If you need assistance in finding the offering, Ushers will be in the Narthex to assist you. The Fellowship Hall (simulcasted service) will be collected at the exit. We continue to encourage online giving.

### **Passing of the Peace**

A time of greeting with a warm welcome and gesture (wave, holy point, etc.), but no handshakes or touching.

### **Communion**

When the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is celebrated, we will use individually wrapped cups and wafers.

### **Exit**

Ushers will excuse the congregation by rows from back to front, allowing time to clear.

### **Gathering and Fellowship**

If people are interested in socializing with others following the service, we ask that people move outside and gather outside the building. This will allow the building to be cleaned between services and assist in social distancing.

### **Food/Beverages**

No food or drinks will be provided. You may bring your own water, coffee, or beverage.