

EKLC COVID-19 Worship Guidelines

We are excited to begin worshipping in person. As we welcome you back to church, know that personal responsibility is key - any member who is feeling ill or compromised should not attend services. We caution those in the age group (65+) or of higher risk to use your best judgement if you should be attending services.

We will continue to live stream services on Facebook and YouTube for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person. All members need to be mindful of social distancing, washing hands, and wearing masks to create a safe place to worship.

- **Attendees:**

- Enter through Narthex doors only. All others will be locked.
- Doors will be opened by a greeter or will be propped open.
- Members must not congregate before or after services.
- Masks will be required during worship to help ensure the health and safety of the rest of the congregation.
- Please exercise 6' of social distancing whenever possible.
- An usher will be taking attendance of anyone who joins in person for service.

- **Seating:**

- Every other pew will be blocked off to ensure social distance.
- Ushers will direct members to an area to sit and will usher out by pews at the end of the service.
- Families may sit together
- Others must be 6 ft apart from other members.

- **Worship:**

- There will be no singing during worship
- Bulletins will be distributed with all content in them and pew bibles and hymnals will be removed.
- During Passing of the Peace you will not leave your seat nor shake hands.
- Offering will be collected in baskets in the Narthex.
- Communion will be held weekly and will be distributed upon entrance to the sanctuary.

- **Common Areas**

- Restrooms directly below the Narthex will be open for use.
- Fellowship Hall is open but social distancing and the seating guidelines above will be required.
- The following common areas will be closed to members:
 - Nursery will remain closed.
 - Kitchen will remain closed.
 - Offices will be open for staff only.

If there is a confirmed positive COVID case from a member that has attended worship, the church will:

- Once the office is notified of the positive case, the council president will be notified. Upon notification, the following will go into effect:
 - Notify those in attendance of a member testing positive for COVID via email (or phone call if no email is listed in the directory)
 - That information will include:
 - Date of service
 - A reminder of next steps (see subsequent bullets)
 - No other identifying information about the member will be shared
 - If you are contacted:
 - Monitor your symptoms at home and decide if you should self-quarantine.
 - If you feel ill or develop symptoms, you should be tested.
 - Notify the Property Committee and the church will be sanitized using the cleaning protocol.

Sanitization Procedures (Both churches if used)

- Follow CDC guidelines
- High Touch Areas to be cleaned following services:
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches
 - Specific for Sanctuary & Narthex:
 - Pews
 - Furniture
 - Elevator and elevator buttons
 - Podium
- Restrooms:
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches, countertops, faucets and toilets will be cleaned in the restrooms below the Sanctuary after every service.
- Office areas: (during the week)
 - Doorknobs/Handles, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
 - Office staff to take care of personal areas
- In the event of a positive case is confirmed following a service:
 - Wait 24 hours to enter building and disinfect
 - Those cleaning must wear protective wear, ie: gloves etc.