

Guidelines for Resuming Worship at First Baptist Roswell

We have missed meeting together as a church family and are excited to begin our plans for returning to our sanctuary. As we prepare to resume in-person worship on **Sunday, June 7, 2020**, we have developed a list of guidelines and recommendations. These considerations are based on information we have received from a variety of sources, including public health organizations, medical experts, government resources, and your responses to our recent survey. We will be taking a “trial and error” approach to our summer worship plans and anticipate making changes as we go through the summer months. ***If you are in a high-risk category or are not ready to return to public gatherings, we encourage you to continue to worship with us online.***

One very important note about worship involves singing. Because this virus primarily spreads through the air, singing in a group setting puts us all at risk. We will continue to monitor the situation as we go through the summer months, but initially we will not include corporate singing or have a chancel choir during in-person worship services.

Below are the guidelines we will be implementing as we resume in-person worship.

Physical Safety

- Always maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from others (inside and outside the building)
- Please refrain from gathering in groups
- We strongly discourage any form of physical contact (shaking hands, hugs, etc.)
- We encourage worshipers to wear masks; masks will be available if you do not have one
- Bulletins will be available from a gloved usher if you want a printed copy
- There will be no childcare available or Sunday School classes meeting in-person

Sanctuary Preparations

- Doors will remain open to limit physical touch
- Hand sanitizer stations will be located at each entrance
- Seating will be every other pew; remain at least six feet apart from non-family members
- No offering, plates will be available at entrances and exits
- Restrooms will be available, but we request only one person at a time to be in each restroom
- If the sanctuary is full, we will ask congregants to gather in a separate overflow room (Chapel, JoyHouse, etc.) where the same precautions will be observed

Cleaning

- Thorough cleaning of sanctuary and restrooms immediately after worship
- Sanctuary has been sanitized to hospital-grade cleaning and disinfection standards
- Continual running of the air system to constantly circulate airflow

Most importantly, we ask for respect for each person who enters God’s house. We come from different experiences and perspectives about this current pandemic but let us respect each other in the grace of Jesus Christ. Some will wear masks, others will not. Some are comfortable being close to others, while many prefer more personal space. Your ministerial staff asks that we respect one another in the spirit of Christ, recognizing our differences and celebrating the opportunity to return to in-person worship.

