

Steps to Reopen the Church

Based on the Carolina Conference guidelines for reopening churches and the direction of the Spartanburg Church Board the following steps have been voted for reopening the church beginning on Sabbath, June 20.

1. **Two Worship Services-** we will provide two back-to-back worship services to maintain social distancing. The first service will start at 9:30 am and masks will be required while the second service will start at 11:15 am and masks will be optional. Worshippers will be seated every other pew and those who are not related will maintain a 6' distance from themselves and other worshippers. Worshippers are encouraged to email or call the church office to sign up for the worship service they wish to attend. There will be overflow seating in Colburn Hall. The 11:15 am service will be live streamed.
2. **Sabbath School-** there will be no face to face children's or adult Sabbath School at the church until at least August. Sabbath School classes can still meet remotely using Zoom.
3. **Attendance-** those who are feeling sick or who have preexisting health conditions should be respectful of others and stay at home where they can continue to watch the live stream of the second worship service.
4. **Maintaining Social Distance-** we will continue to refrain from shaking hands and giving hugs and to maintain a distance of at least 6' from each other. Those who wish to visit, can do so outside the church building.
5. **Greeters-** deacons and elders will greet and provide security at the main doors of the church. We will prop open the exterior doors to the main church parking lot and the canopy entrance so no one will need to touch the doors. There will be no printed bulletins. Those who need the printed weekly church news can pick up a copy at the Information Desk.
6. **Ushering-** our deacons and deaconesses will help worshippers find a seat in the sanctuary. They will also dismiss worshippers by pews after each worship service. All the sanctuary doors will be propped open after the worship service and worshippers will be asked to exit the church and not congregate indoors.
7. **Seating-** worshippers will be seated every other pew. The pews will be numbered. Even numbered seats will be used for the first service, odd numbered seats for the second service. There will be no seating in the balcony. The back 2 rows of pews will be reserved for families with young children.
8. **Garden of Prayer-** worshippers will not be called up to the front of the sanctuary but will remain in their seats for prayer.
9. **Children's Story-** children will remain seated with their families. Those telling the story should use visual aids or Power Point so their object lessons can be easily seen from anywhere in the sanctuary. The story will be short, 5-6 minutes in length. The offering for the children's story will be picked up by 4 of the older children using the cloth offering bags as the storyteller begins.
10. **Sanitizing & Masks-** hand sanitizer will be placed at each exterior entrance as well as the Information Desk. There will also be waste baskets outside each restroom door so people can use a paper towel to open the doors as they leave. Worshippers will be strongly encouraged to bring their own masks and the church will have masks on hand for those who need one. The handrails, door handles and top of the pews will be sanitized between services.