

# Mulberry Service In-Person Worship Protocols

Our 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship is provided in-person and online through Facebook live and Livestream through our website. We've highlighted that week by week we may need to modify protocols for our services – depending on the latest news, orders, and recommendations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the recent spike of COVID cases in the San Antonio region we have updated our protocols provided below for this coming Sunday, September 6th.

Whether online or in person, we are grateful for God's enduring and endearing presence. We are guided by the early Christian writer's words found in Hebrews 12:28 *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe."*

## FIVE GUIDELINES FOR OUR TRINITY FAITH FAMILY

- **HIGHER RISK:** We are especially concerned about the vulnerability of those with underlying health conditions. Instead of feeling responsible to gather in-person, for their protection we hope they join us online for worship.
- **SHOWING SYMPTOMS:** We ask that anyone experiencing any of the following symptoms not to attend the in-person worship experience. Instead they are encouraged to participate in our Facebook Live and Livestream worship experiences. Consult your healthcare professional if you have further questions. **Please stay home if you are experiencing any of these symptoms: Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than 100°F or known contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.**
- **PHYSICAL DISTANCE:** We ask everyone who wishes to worship with us in-person maintain six feet of separation between household pods while in the building, including entry/exit points and in the sanctuary.
- **WEAR MASKS:** Due to the recent spike of COVID-19 cases in San Antonio, we will be requiring that everyone wear a mask at all times while in the building. This even applies to singing during worship. Please realize that while singing and speaking as a congregation that you will be needing more oxygen and the mask can inhibit your ability to breathe easily. Singing quietly demands less air and we would ask that if you start to feel lightheaded, please sit down or feel free to relieve yourself from the worship space to go and remove your mask outdoors.
- **GRACIOUS SPIRIT:** We ask our faith family to caringly consider not only themselves, but the wellbeing of others in a spirit of Christ's grace & love winning over fear or judgement.

## **WHAT ABOUT SEATING?**

- The lower balcony will be open and the upper balcony will be made available if needed.
- In the sanctuary, pews will be marked off to encourage appropriate distancing between household pods. (There will be two empty pews between each available pew, and ushers will help keep two empty seats worth of space between household pods in the same pew).

## **WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN?**

- No Childcare will be provided.
- The family room located at the rear of the sanctuary will be available for one adult and child per family that may need it during the service. No more than three adult/child families may use the family room at any one time.

## **WHAT ABOUT THOSE LEADING WORSHIP ON THE PLATFORM?**

- Worship Leaders and speakers will practice physical distancing while on the platform, but will not be wearing face masks during their leadership responsibilities.
- The first five pews in front of the stage will be blocked off to provide a safety measure for the congregants.

## **WHAT ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES ARE IN PLACE FOR OUR TRINITY FAMILY?**

- Personal sanitation resources will be available near the entrances to the campus. Offering boxes will be available for tithes and giving at the entrances to the sanctuary.
- Restrooms will be available in the Fanning Foyer, the Sanctuary Narthex, and the Creative Life Center (CLC). Floor tape will mark off 6 feet of separation to help maintain physical distancing for any lines into the restrooms.
- Our Greeters will be oriented about our procedures and will serve as guides for our worshipers as they enter and exit the campus.
- Our Facilities team has implemented additional sanitation procedures for before and after events to help keep our campus safe and clean.