



Grinnell Friends Church

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Regulations for Worship for August 2020

Friends, here are our updated guidelines for the month of August...

1. For middle school and up, masks or face shields will be required. As a precaution, and as a way to show our neighbors we are thinking of them, we are opting to require masks (or shields) at this point in time. If you do not have a mask, we will make disposable ones available here at church. Specifically, we believe this will help during our worship through singing times to avoid the transmission of germs.
2. In the sanctuary and foyer, we will do our best to put 6 feet of distance between family groups. Unavailable pews are marked accordingly. No more than 4 people from 2 families per row. We have removed all Bibles (available by request) and hymnals from the sanctuary. Pews will be cleaned each week.
3. No bulletins will be available. We will continue to do announcements through email on Saturdays.
4. When people begin arriving, we will have all doors open, from the entry all the way through to the sanctuary, so you will not need to open any. An usher will be available to help you find an open seat, if you would like help doing so.
5. All the restrooms will be available. We will have disinfectant wipes for you to be able to use on touch surfaces.
6. We will NOT be taking temperatures at church, BUT we do expect you to do so on your own. Please do not come if you have a persistent cough or a fever. Stay home and enjoy worship through the live stream.

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7. The worship team will not be wearing masks, but face shields are being installed on the microphone stands, again, to cut down on transmission of germs through singing.

8. We will not be taking an offering during the service. The mailbox we have been using for drive-in service will be available at the back of the foyer for your offering. Additionally, you may continue to use our digital giving through Givelify, or you may mail your check directly to our church treasurer .

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9. We will have sanitizer available in the foyer, but we would encourage you to bring your own.

10. The water fountain is another high contact area we are trying to avoid. For now, it will be turned off. Plan on bringing your own water bottle.

11. No nursery will be provided, but the space is available for you to use personally. The toys in the Little Lambs and nursery room are being limited. We would encourage you to bring your own. If your kids do play with church toys, there will be a tub to place them in when you are done so our cleaning staff know that they need to be cleaned.

12. Children's worship is now being provided in the gym, while adhering to the previously mentioned guidelines.

13. Sunday School will continue to be offered for the adults online as part of a zoom chat at 9:00am. At this point, we are not planning on Sunday School in the church building until September. In-person worship will be for the 10:30am worship service only.

14. Finally, we would note that the YouTube live stream is here to stay. It has definitely been a learning process, but we are continually making improvements to that process in the hope of being able to reach a wider audience.

Like so many of the decision we are making in regard to the future, our information is in a constant state of change. As we move forward, we will continue to evaluate and make adjustments as needed. Thank you for our patience and your faithfulness as our church family!