

Operating procedures for inside services

- a. People's Church continues to follow MDH/CDC guidelines and protocols regarding the fluid COVID-19 virus. For the health and safety of our congregation, **we require masks and social distancing. We encourage vaccine-eligible attendees to be vaccinated.**
- b. Pews are now 8 feet of distance between people. **Our capacity is now 32 adults** (*including pastor, accompanist, cantor, readers, greeters, recorder*).
- c. **Worship leaders will be safely distanced:**
 - i. Pastor or reader will speak at a music stand on the bottom step of the Chancel and sit in a front pew
 - ii. Cantor will sing and sit by the Christmas tree
 - iii. Pastor or reader will speak at the pulpit and sit behind it
- d. If you are sick - stay home
- e. Sanitizing wipes: There will be an usher that will distribute sanitizing wipes at the end of worship. We ask that when you leave your pew, please wipe down the pew and all surfaces in your area.
- f. Bulletins and offering baskets will be placed in the Narthex and in front of the pulpit for you to pick up a bulletin and drop off your offerings.
- g. Communion - prepackaged Communion Elements will be provided in the Narthex and in front of the pulpit to pick up as you enter.
- h. After-Worship Fellowship: Food and beverage service are allowed; see below for guidelines. Masked (unless eating) social distance; **seating at tables is four people max.**
- i. Reader/Pastor will be masked; however, they will remove their masks while speaking. Cantor may choose to be masked or unmasked.
- j. Choir: Until further notice, the choir will not be singing. However, if a cantor feels safe and wants to lead the congregation in song, we will do so.

- k. NOTE: If anything changes and we are advised by the MDH/CDC, all plans will be suspended, you will be notified and new plans will be made according to the instructions of MDH/CDC.

Food Guidelines

Keep it simple.

Be as sanitary as possible.

Food should be provided in one of these ways:

- individually wrapped (grab one for yourself)
- spread out on a plate, distanced enough that a person can grab one for themselves without touching other food
- a host/food provider (gloved) serves/hands out food to individuals

Pitchers of water, lemonade etc. are fine (again, we recommend a gloved server pours).

Please avoid any food items that need to be assembled or "dipped."