

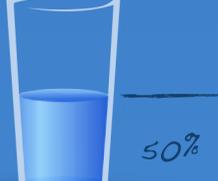
RETURNING to WORSHIP



We are so thankful to know that our **God never stops moving and working in the lives of His people!** Even during this time of pandemic and quarantine, God has and continues to do His amazing work. Many have testified to God's work in their lives during this time. What a blessing and comfort to know that God remains sovereign, seated on His throne, and working all things together for His glory and for our good!



Many businesses will begin operating again at **50% capacity**, starting May 4th. Therefore, we believe **Sunday May 10th** is an appropriate time for us to resume meeting together for corporate worship. Please know that we look forward to ramping up utilizing a phased approach, other ministry areas (such as children's church, Sunday school, etc.) in the upcoming weeks.



We **strongly encourage anyone** who is considered **"high risk"** (due to age or health) or anyone who is **showing any symptoms** of sickness **to stay home** & continue live-streaming our times of worship and study. We realize that there are many within our body and leadership team who will think it best for them to refrain from meeting in person; we want to assure them of our **love** for them and we want to assure them of our **support** for them in their decision to stay home.

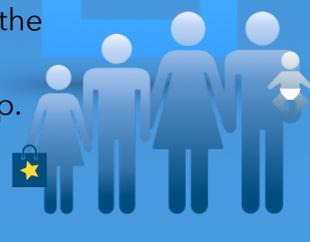


We desire every believer to pray, seek wisdom, walk in biblical discernment, and act according to their conscience.

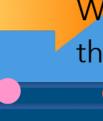


For those **who will gather together in person** for corporate worship, we want to share the following important information:

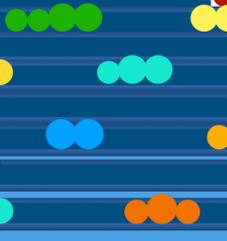
Families are encouraged to come, sit, and worship together as a family, as we will have **no nurseries, Sunday school classes, or children's church available at this time.** For those who desire to make use of them, there will be 2 areas (1 in the hallway and 1 at the welcome center) where **"kids packets"** will be available for pick-up. these packets have been assembled in a sanitized environment by a gloved worker.



We will encourage individuals and family units to **sit "spread out"**, throughout the worship center, about **6 ft.** apart.



Our worship center is large enough to safely accommodate many while practicing physical distancing guidelines. **Every other row** will be **marked off** to help make it clear where families & individuals should sit. Parents are encouraged to help their children maintain proper distance between them & their friends.



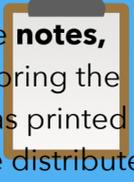
Based on CDC and State guidelines, **face coverings** are recommended. We understand that there are many differing and strong opinions regarding the use of face coverings; we want to encourage everyone to walk in love, patience, and grace towards one another as each person makes their decision regarding these types of issues. Someone has kindly purchased & donated masks for those in HSC; they **will be available Sun. morning** for those who wish to use them.



Our goal is to utilize our worship center at **no more than 50% capacity.** If the need arises, we will open a secondary over-flow area to accommodate more people.



If you wish to take **notes**, please print and bring the outline with you as printed copies will not be distributed.



Giving boxes are available at several entrances/exits and **online giving** will cont. to be encouraged rather than passing plates.



We will have several **hand sanitizing stations** available for people to use as they enter and exit the facility.



Doors open at approx. 10:15 am. Worship service begins at **10:30am.**



At the close of the service we will **dismiss** in an orderly way in order to help people **exit** to the parking lot with minimal contact with others.



ABFs & Small Groups are encouraged to cont. to meet **online** at this time. We encourage each group to best determine when is the right time for them to meet online.



Regardless of what **your beliefs** and preferences are concerning Covid-19, quarantine, face coverings, social distancing guidelines, etc. this is a great opportunity for all of us to practice and demonstrate **Christ-reflecting, sacrificial love for one another.** We want to encourage everyone to think upon and to be governed by these wonderful exhortations that point us to follow and imitate Christ's example:

- *"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:3-8)*
- *"Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (Romans 13:8-10)*
- *"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please Himself, but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.'" (Romans 15:1-3)*

**In Christ,
Harbour Shores Leadership Team**