



# First Baptist Church

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## Returning In-Person Worship Guidelines

### **Worship Time**

We will keep our worship service starting at 11 AM on Sunday morning. Doors will open at 10:45 AM.

### **Process**

We will use one door for entry and exit to the Sanctuary. Ushers will begin to seat people at the front of the sanctuary as people come to worship, and fill in towards the back. At the end of the service, Ushers will dismiss the congregation from the back to the front, keeping people from close contact as much as possible.

Bathrooms will be available for use. We strongly ask everyone to practice safeguards, especially when it comes to the Three W's: 1) Wear a face mask/covering, 2) Wait-remain 6 Feet apart, 3) Wash your hands for 20 seconds or more.

### **Seating**

There will be pews alternating between rows that show where seating is available from front to back as described above. We will keep everyone seated 6 feet or more apart, due to guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Couples and families are encouraged to sit together.

There will not be any Bibles, hymnals, offering envelopes, or bulletins to minimize the number of items that are physically touched by individuals. Feel free to bring your own Bible, or use your device.

## **Face Covering/Face Masks**

Everyone is required to wear a face covering upon entry to the building. Face coverings are to be worn the whole time they are inside the church. We will have face masks on hand for anyone who needs one. There will also be hand sanitizer available at the door as you walk in.

## **Worship Elements**

### **Greeting**

There will be no time of personal greeting before, during, or after our worship. However, there will be ways we can be intentional and fun about a collective greeting time to enhance our worship.

### **Singing**

Music for worship will be provided by a limited number of volunteers spread out by 6 feet or more, or by use of technology. There will be no congregational singing. You are encouraged to hum along with the songs.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Please text or call our pastor, Kevin Moore, with any prayer concerns or praises before the worship service. There will be a slide on the screen to text in any prayer concerns or praises before our prayer time. Use his cell phone number: (252) 235-7521.

### **Children's Sermon**

There will be no Children's Sermon.

### **Offering**

Our Sunday Offering will be collected at the front door as you walk in, or as you leave. There will not be an offering collected during the worship service to minimize the number of items we touch.

If you need any envelopes for your offering, please pick up a box of envelopes from church.

### **Sermon**

There will be a sermon preached during our time of worship.

## **Joining First Baptist Church**

You may wish to join First Baptist Church during any moment that you feel led by God. For more information on how to join during this time, please call our pastor, Kevin Moore, at (252) 235-7521.

Please plan for our worship services to last approximately 30-45 minutes.

## **Other Sunday Morning Activities**

### **Sunday School**

Sunday School will be postponed until it can be deemed safe.

### **Children's Activities**

All children's activities (Children's Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Church) will be postponed until they can be deemed safe. Families are encouraged to worship together in-person as they feel safe. We are being diligent in finding creative ways for incorporating children's participation in our worship services during this time.

## **Online Church Activities**

During this time, our online presence has meant so much to many different people in and outside our church and community. We have seen God reach beyond our walls and impact lives we are even unaware of at this time. Praise be to God!

We will continue to record the worship services while we meet in-person. The worship service will be broadcasted online on Sunday evenings. In the meantime, our church is searching for viable options of live-streaming our worship service in real time.

## **Precautions**

If you feel even a hint of being sick, stay home. This includes any of the following symptoms: fever of a 100 degrees F or more, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea.

It is not worth the risk of making others sick by attending church in person.