

SUNDAY SERVICE GATHERING GUIDELINES

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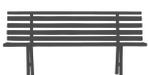
With the continual changes in local gathering guidelines and restrictions, we've created our own compliant, clear guidelines on gathering together again as a church on Sundays. Current local guidelines allow for up to 75 people to be present in our building for gatherings. Given the size of our church, our online service will still be the primary means of Sunday worship. We encourage you to find ways to gather with others in our church to worship on Sundays. We also recognize that the current guidelines allow us to have some people join us for worship services at the building each week, and we believe there is goodness in gathering together to worship. This document will outline our principles for gathering and the guidelines for our gatherings on Sunday.

THREE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. **The Goodness of Gathering:** God designed us to flourish in relational communities, and our physical presence with each other matters. Where it is wise, we want to lean into opportunities for in-person gatherings.
2. **The Priority of Love:** Even when there is a desire and opportunity to gather, we must prioritize a love for others in our community and in our city. We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has various threat levels to different people in our church and in our city. Love calls us to sacrifice personal freedoms and desires to prioritize the well-being of others, especially the most vulnerable among us. Among other things, we can do this by following all of the local distancing and sanitation guidelines.
3. **The Need for Grace:** Different people are going to approach this differently, and that's to be expected. Satan would love to use these areas of preference to divide the Church, but let's try to show deference to each other and in doing so model the sacrificial love of Christ. We encourage you to be upfront about your expectations, to work hard to honor people who are approaching this differently than you, and to give tons and tons of grace.

SOCIAL DISTANCING PRACTICES

- Your spot will be reserved through an online reservation system. This will allow us to monitor capacity and plan accordingly for our services. Since we will be at a limited capacity, please only plan to sign up one or two times a month.



- Everyone will be required to wear a mask at all times while in the building in compliance with the statewide order (individuals who cannot wear a mask for medical exemptions do not have to wear a mask).
- Every person or party will maintain 6 feet of social distance from others. We will have designated seating areas for each party.
- Before entering the building we will be checking temperatures via a touchless thermometer. If your temperature is over 100.3° we will ask you to leave.
- We are aiming to create a touchless experience so all doors will be opened, no food or coffee will be provided, and there will be no handouts or shared bibles.
- You will receive a communion cup from an usher upon entering the building to limit lines during the service.
- Bathrooms will be limited to 2 people at a time to help people stay distant.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SERVICES

- We will be hosting three services: 8:30, 10, and 11:30am. Our 10am service will be live streamed and recorded for our church to participate in at home. Services will be about 60 minutes in length.
- We ask that you do not mingle or congregate inside of the building. After you enter, please find a seat for the service. Plan to arrive a few minutes early to get situated in the sanctuary.
- Children are welcome to participate and worship in the service with their families as there are no Park Kids classes. Children are expected to remain with their families throughout the service. We do ask that parents enforce this guideline with their children. Please bring any supplies that they may need to help participate.
- After the service we ask that you promptly exit so that we can sanitize before the following service. It is safer to congregate in outdoor spaces and this will help us keep everyone safe by allowing time for sanitizing the space between services.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- We encourage you to greet each other with a wave instead of a hug or handshake. We know that it is hard to stay physically distant but we encourage you to avoid close contact with others.
- Be respectful of those who are more cautious in your group and defer to their preferences so that everyone can feel comfortable together.
- Do not assume you know the preferences of others, even if you know them well. Just ask! It may feel a bit awkward, but this allows us to actively push into our guiding principle of love.



- If you have had a fever or other symptoms in the previous 10 days, aren't feeling well, or have been around someone presumed or confirmed to have COVID-19, please stay home.
- If you develop common COVID-19 symptoms after a gathering, please inform the church by contacting Ryan Gannett at ***ryang@parkchurchdenver***.

*If you have any questions, feedback, or concerns, please reach out to Ryan Gannett at ***ryang@parkchurchdenver.org***.*

