

Re-Gather RCC: Plans for Worship in the Building

Love God - Love Others - Serve the World

Romans 12:9–13 (NLT) *“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is evil. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to take care of others.”*

To the Members and Attenders of RCC:

The RCC leadership team has been in deep discussion, prayer and Biblical study in planning our return to in-person worship in the Church building. From the first weekend in June until now the Church has enjoyed a workable way forward by worshipping outdoors. We stand amazed at the blessings from God in having good weather, a wonderful ministry team, and spiritual/numeric growth in our faith community during this challenging time.

As we make the move in October to gathering in the RCC building, please ask, as our leadership has done, “Why do we come to Church?”. Do you come to Church to get something from worship or to give something? Do you gather to support or be supported? Are you interested in loving God and loving others or being the object of love? In all these, there is give and take, loss and gain. In all of these, we must remember that the principle we live by is love that doesn’t seek it’s own good but always the good of others. (Philippians 2:4)

Below you will find the initial things that we will practice and promise as we begin to regather in the RCC building for worship. As you read these practices and promises, please consider how you can do your part to love, listen to and lift up the people in your faith community. This is the only way we will move forward as a Church who loves Jesus Christ, loves each other and serves the needs of the world.

If you have any questions or concerns about this direction, please reach out. The elders are committed to hearing you and doing all that can be done to move forward together.

Onward in Love,
Pastor Jason Triplett, on behalf of the RCC Eldership

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RCC's Promises & Practices as We Move Back into Our Building

Three Worship Gathering Options:

- In-Person Worship @ 8:00am on Sundays
- In-Person Worship @ 9:45am on Sundays
- Online Live Stream @ 9:45am on Sundays

The Church volunteers and leaders promise to:

- Alter our weekly cleaning practices to best clean/sanitize the building.
- Sanitize the worship space after each gathering.
- Temporarily alter our ministry practices to increase safety.
 - Greeters, the Coffee Bar and Children's Church will be suspended for now.
- Wear a face mask and practice social distancing.
- Provide complementary masks for those who need them.
- Keep the worship gathering to about an hour.
- Arrange our worship space to encourage social distancing yet still allow for worship.
- Position our worship team in a way to be socially distanced while leading singing.
- Continue to minister to children by providing activity bags for use in the worship space.
- Clearly communicate our practices to those who enter the building.

We are asking everyone who gathers for in-person worship at RCC to:

- Make a "reservation" for Church.
 - We've determined that we should have a 50 person max capacity for each service.
 - Each week, reservations can be made online, or by phone.
 - An additional Sunday service may be added should the need arise.
- Evaluate your overall health and risk factors before entering the building.
- Sanitize your hands and use good hand hygiene.
- Utilize the pre-packaged communion elements or bring your own communion elements.
 - Note: Volunteers will mask, glove and sanitize to prep the communion trays.
- Wear a face mask in consideration of other's safety and concerns.
- Practice social distancing as much as possible. Ask permission for physical contact.
- Sit with your family in the worship space.
 - Please do not allow your children to roam the building.
 - Feel free to utilize the nursery room downstairs for your children's needs.
- Use the collection plates in the sanctuary to make an offering or give online.