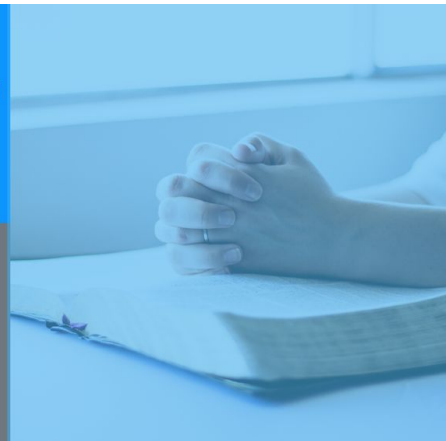


UPDATE ON RELAUNCHING WORSHIP SERVICES

**SULLIVAN
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MAY 07, 2020**



Dear Friends and Family of Sullivan First Christian Church,

We are excited to have the opportunity to begin gathering for worship once again and soon this will become a reality for our church. The leadership is updating you about our upcoming plans regarding reopening of the church for worship and ministry activities in the near future.

As you come back to church, you will notice a few things that will change in the short term so that we can continue to follow the standards put forth by our governor regarding social distancing and safety.

We are excited to announce that we will start our person-to-person worship services on the weekend of May 17, 2020. As we strive to cultivate the best worship environment for our people, we will make a couple changes for the short term during these services. We will offer three different options starting the weekend of May 17, 2020 to address the size of larger gatherings.

May 16, 2020 – Saturday Evening Service from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- First, we will begin offering a Saturday evening service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This service will only have communion and a sermon but will not have a typical praise and worship time.

May 17, 2020 – Sunday Morning Services @ 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

- Second, we will offer our regular services on Sunday morning at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. but we will not have Sunday school in between services during the month of May.

What precautions will be taken for Church worship services?

- Doors will be propped open, so you do not have to grab door handles.
- Two entrances into the building will be offered. One entrance in the front and one under the back carport.
- Surfaces and door handles will be sanitized prior to service and after.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be offered throughout the building.

- Every other pew in the sanctuary will be blocked off to allow for social distancing.
- There will be handouts for the service but no pens, cards, Bibles, or tissues boxes in the pews.
- Café Foye will be closed and no refreshments will be offered.
- Offering will be taken through collection plates located in the foyer as you leave.
- Communion will be served up front by double cupping the bread and juice.
- There will be no fellowship/greeting time during the service.
- Children's Church will only be offered during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning service.

Here is what you can do to help during each worship service

- Practice recommended personal social distancing. Give people their space and refrain from physical contact (hugging, handshaking...etc.).
- Masks are not required but suggested as we follow the Governor's recommendation.
- Pray for your church family, community, and country during this time.

What if you are not ready to come back?

- If you are considered high-risk, due to health conditions, or you are 65 years or older, we encourage you to please consider staying home for a few more weeks. Though we love you and long to be with you, we also want you to be safe and healthy.
- We understand if you may not feel comfortable coming back to church immediately, even if you are not high-risk.

- Our Sunday morning services will continue to be offered LIVE online at both 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. These services can be viewed on our website at <https://www.sullivanfcc.org/live/> or you can join us on Facebook. You can also listen to the 10:30 a.m. service live on the radio at 95.3 WNDI.

- You can expect leadership to continue to pray for you regularly.

- Church will be here when you are ready to come back, please don't feel pressure or guilt if you choose to take some time.

Sullivan First Christian Church thanks you for your continual prayer and support as we continue to navigate these difficult days. Our desire is to care for the entire well-being of the individuals and families who worship with us – which includes physical as well as spiritual health. Any schedule changes will continue to be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Remember that you are loved, and we continue to pray for the safety and well-being of each of you. May God continue to fill you with peace and hope, in the midst this season for our country and our world!