



March 18, 2021

Friends,

It is with joy that we share with you some news about our phased re-opening. While we still need to follow all our COVID safety protocols, including masking and social distancing, we feel confident we can begin to meet in person on a limited basis. Given the hopeful trends in our community, the increased numbers of people being vaccinated and the warmer weather, the Session has approved the following in-person activities:

#### BEGINNING APRIL 18

**Groups of 50 or less may meet outside on the church campus.**

- All COVID safety protocols must be followed (masks, social distancing, etc.)
- Space must be reserved. Group leaders should contact Tim Millisor, [tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org](mailto:tmillisor@fpcgreensboro.org) or 336-478-4793.

**Groups of 25 or less may meet inside the church.**

- All COVID safety protocols must be followed (masks, social distancing, etc.)
- Meeting rooms will be limited and assigned based on availability and group size.
- Group leaders should contact Tim Millisor to reserve space. *(Small groups will not be able to meet inside the church Sunday mornings because of the number of people in the building for worship and the need to clean between services.)*

#### BEGINNING MAY 2

**Modified, in-person worship will resume.**

- We are planning a special service on May 2, details are forthcoming.
- Starting May 9 we will offer two identical, in-person services, one at 8:30 am and one at 11, both in the Sanctuary with up to 175 worshipers. We will continue to alternate Sundays between Rejoice! and traditional worship.
- Registration will be required and all COVID safety protocols followed (masks, social distancing, etc.). You will be able to register online ([fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), under the Sunday heading) beginning the Tuesday prior to worship, and if you are unable to register online you may call 336-478-4713 from 9 to 11 am the Tuesday prior to worship.
- The 11 am service will be livestreamed each week.

**Funerals, memorial services and weddings will be allowed in the sanctuary with up to 175 worshipers.**

- All COVID safety protocols will be followed. Our pastors will be reaching out to those families who lost a loved one during the pandemic and are waiting to hold a service of witness to the resurrection in the sanctuary.

While we are far from at the end of this difficult journey, we are moving closer to being able to be together again. We hope you will participate in our in-person and virtual Holy Week and Easter offerings. We recognize that there is still disappointment that we cannot gather fully in all the ways we would like. However, we have cared for each other, sacrificed together and worked with one another for over a year to do our very best to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community. Let's not grow weary of doing good. Let's continue to look to the interest of others. Let's focus on our Lord and remember that he told us that the world will know we are his followers by our love.

The COVID Task Force will be attending to the virus numbers in our community, monitoring how our re-opening is going and continue to meet to discern next steps. We promise we will communicate to you in a timely manner all decisions and changes. Do not hesitate to be in touch with us. We are grateful to be the Body of Christ and covenant to do everything we can to ensure the health of every member of it.

Grace and peace,

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