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SENIOR PASTOR

March 30, 2021

Friends,

We are looking forward to seeing you in worship! I am excited that we will soon be in the sanctuary together for the first time. As we prepare to gather, I want to give you some details about what to expect.

Our initial in-person worship service will be held at First National Bank Field, home of the Greensboro Grasshoppers, at 10:30 am on May 2. You will need to register; see details at right. We can accommodate up to 1,400 people so no one will be turned away. Masks and social distancing will be required. There will be plenty of room for young ones (or not so young ones) to wiggle and move as needed! (And special parking for those who need it!)

This will be a time of celebrating our long-awaited reunion. Dress comfortably and be prepared to worship with joy. The service will also be livestreamed.

Beginning May 9, we will have two identical worship services in the Sanctuary, one at 8:30 am and the other at 11 am. This will give us time to clean in between. Each service can accommodate 175 people. We will alternate Sundays between traditional and Rejoice! worship. (The 11 am service will be livestreamed and accessible on YouTube any time after that.) We will still need to wear masks and practice social distancing.

While worship will feel different with masks, space between us, and limited corporate singing, it will nonetheless be meaningful. We pray we will glorify God, give thanks for the gift of this community of faith, and seek to be shaped by the living Word.

We are all in this together. Seriously, we will all be in worship together. We want everyone to feel welcomed and celebrated in our Sanctuary. Worship bags that children can take home will be provided. Additionally, we will have the Myers Loyalty Room stocked with toys should young ones need more freedom to play, and the service will be available for viewing there. We hope everyone who wants to attend will come on Sunday mornings and that all of us will delight in one another's presence.

While we recognize that change is hard, circumstances are still less than ideal, and we are all figuring out how to manage yet another phase of this pandemic, we give thanks to God for getting us to this point, for putting us in this place together, and for granting us the privilege of being the Body of Christ. Psalm 117 sums up our call in this moment and always:

*Praise the LORD, all you nations!  
Extol him, all you peoples!  
For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!*

Let's praise the Lord for the steadfast love and faithfulness that has upheld us this year and every year. Let's extol God's love and faithfulness that endures forever.

See you in worship!

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jill".

### REGISTRATION FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

#### **May 2 service at the ballpark, 10:30 am**

Opens Tuesday, April 20:

- Link at [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), under the Sunday heading.
- If you are unable to register online you may call 336-478-4713 from 9 to 11 am on Tuesdays, April 20 or April 27.

#### **Beginning May 9, identical services in the sanctuary, 8:30 & 11 am**

Opens the Tuesday prior to worship each week and closes at 8 pm Saturdays:

- Link at [fpcgreensboro.org](http://fpcgreensboro.org), under the Sunday heading.
- If you are unable to register online, call 336-478-4713 from 9 to 11 am Tuesdays.