

# Reopening for In-Person Worship Frequently Asked Questions



**Will our online services continue when we gather in person?**

Yes, we will continue to offer online worship services through Live Stream on our social media platforms. Note: there will no longer be a Zoom call on Sunday mornings.



**When will we reopen for in-person worship?**

July 25th, 2021 at 10:30am has been set as our reopening date, for a maximum of 100 people.



**How many will be permitted to gather at one time?**

We will follow official guidelines, ensuring physical distancing protocols are strictly followed. This means that we are able to accommodate 25% of our seating capacity at any one time, which is a maximum of 100 people being permitted to gather at one time indoors.



**Is it necessary to register prior to attending worship services, once our church is open?**

Yes. There is a Google Document that will be shared online every Monday. People are required to sign their name in the document to register for in-person worship. If you are unsure about signing up online, contact the office to register.



**Will there be congregational singing?**

Yes! However, congregants must remain masked while singing.



**What about involvement of musicians during live worship?**

We will enjoy a limited number of musicians on the platform.



**Are bible studies/small group gatherings/prayer meetings permitted?**

Yes! We are now able to have groups of 25 meeting together outside, providing they follow all guidelines. The church property is available to accommodate these small gatherings upon request.



**Can I sit in my usual place?**

In order to maintain a minimum of six feet between members of different households, a modified seating arrangement will be implemented. Our "Hosts" will assist with seating, following physical distancing protocols considering singles or family groupings. It is unlikely you will be able to sit in any "usual seating."



**Are masks mandatory?**

Yes, unless medical issues prohibit wearing of face coverings or for a child under 2 years of age or younger as stated in BY-LAW NO. 20-155 and BY-LAW NO. 20-202. More information on mask protocols can be found on the City of Hamilton website.



**Will there be child-care/Sunday school offered?**

No, unfortunately not at this time. The virtual Sunday School curriculum will continue to be sent out weekly.



**Will there be washrooms available during worship gatherings?**

Yes, a limited number of washrooms will remain open. Please be sure to sanitize high touch services after use - wipes will be provided.



**Will there be coffee/refreshments before or after worship?**

Not at this time.



**What about a contact tracing plan should a COVID-19 infection occur among congregants?**

We will follow protocols as established by Hamilton Public Health. Phone numbers are required upon registration for contact tracing purposes.



**How will we give our tithes and offering?**

As you exit the building there will be an offering plate for you to place your cartridge, and the debit machine will be available for use.