

Mullins Presbyterian Church

"The Church Behind the Cross"

June 4, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We have great news to share! We as a session voted unanimously last night to reopen our facility for worship! That means that we will gather together for public worship in our sanctuary Sunday for the first time since March. To say we are excited is to grossly understate the case.

Our doors will open this Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 for the 11 am worship service. When you arrive, you will notice that we have taken the following steps to ensure that everyone feels comfortable, safe, and cared for:

- 1) **A Touch-Free Experience** – Deacons will be stationed at each door to greet you and to open and close doors for you. You will not have to touch a doorknob. Hymnals, Pew Bibles, offering envelopes, visitors' cards and pencils have been removed from the pew racks. All you will need to participate in the service will be printed in the bulletin which will be provided for you and posted online for those who prefer a digital copy to a printed one. No offering plates will be passed. If you wish to give, you may place your gift in the offering plates which will be left in the rear of the sanctuary. You may also continue to give online or through the mail.
- 2) **Hand Washing Stations** – Hand Sanitizer will be available at each entrance and bathrooms will remain open for those who prefer soap and water.
- 3) **Social Distancing** – Worshipers are encouraged to remain at least six feet apart (whether seated or standing). Families may sit together without social distancing but are encouraged to enter and exit the sanctuary together.
- 4) **Controlled Seating** – Seating will be available on every other pew in order to maintain social distancing. Worshippers will be released by row after the service.
- 5) **Children Welcomed in Worship** – Because of the difficult challenge of social distancing, we will not provide a nursery. We believe the best way to keep our children safe is to bring them into worship where everyone will practice social distancing. Please do not stay away because you believe your child would be disruptive. We love to hear children's voices in our sanctuary. They will not disturb us! If the child's cries drowned out the preacher, one parent can simply and quietly carry the child to one of the nearby rooms in the church.

- 6) **Caring for Each Other – Because face coverings protect others, we strongly encourage worshippers to wear a mask. Again, don't stay away because you don't have a mask. We will have some available for those who would like to have them.**
- 7) **A Shorter Service – There will be no choir or congregational singing Sunday as per CDC guidelines. We believe adhering to these guidelines will help to keep us safe.**
- 8) **Overflow Seating provided in the fellowship hall – To make sure we are able to maintain social distancing in our sanctuary, we have set up overflow seating in the fellowship hall. The service will be streamed live and shown on the big screen. Are you still reading this? If so, you will be glad to know that church officers have volunteered to be the first to sit in the fellowship hall so that all others may remain in the sanctuary.**

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1 It has been several months since we have had the privilege! Let's make the most of it and come prepared to meet with the Lord! He inhabits the praise of His people. He is present where two or three are joined together. He seeks worshipers who worship Him in spirit and in truth! Sunday is the Lord's Day and He calls us together for worship!

Join us! We look forward to seeing all of you. In the meantime, if we can serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

On behalf of the elders and deacons of this church who put this plan together after much thought and prayer, I am

Sincerely Yours,

Jason