



## In-Person Worship Safety Precautions

In-Person Sunday morning worship is held at 9 a.m. in both our Cottage Grove (406 W. Cottage Grove Road) and Fort Atkinson (1401 N. High Street) locations. The Cottage Grove sermon is livestreamed at 9 a.m. and a recording of the service will be available about 10:30 a.m. for those who would like to continue worshipping with us from home. For those who are planning to worship in person, we will be following a number of safety precautions individually and as a group at both of our worship locations.

As individuals:

- 1) We will register ahead of time for a worship service by going to [www.abidingshepherd.org/worship](http://www.abidingshepherd.org/worship) or calling the office 608-839-3770.
- 2) We will stay home if we are experiencing any symptoms that are common with COVID-19 such as:
  - a. Fever or chills
  - b. Cough, sore throat or runny nose
  - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - d. Fatigue, muscle or body aches
- 3) We will inform the office if we develop the above symptoms or test positive for COVID-19 after attending a worship service.
- 4) We will follow good hygiene etiquette such as:
  - a. Coughing and sneezing into our elbow
  - b. Washing our hands thoroughly and often and/or using hand sanitizer
- 5) We will maintain 6-foot distance from those who are not of our household
- 6) We will be aware of smaller spaces where social distancing is difficult and make adjustments such as:
  - a. having only one household at a time in the front entryway and restrooms
  - b. socializing before and after worship outside rather than in the lobby
- 7) We will wear a mask or face covering. We can bring masks from home or use masks provided by the church.

Other safety precautions on next page...



As a Group:

- 1) We will have a limit of 60 people in attendance in Cottage Grove and 70 people in attendance in Fort Atkinson.
- 2) We will disinfect the facility, including chairs, before and after worship.
- 3) We will setup chairs so there is a distance of 6 feet between households
- 4) We will limit the length of the service, reduce the number of songs/hymns and ask the congregational to sing quietly during the sermon song.
- 5) We will run the commercial-grade air exchangers at both locations.
- 6) We will minimize commonly touched surfaces by:
  - a. Propping doors open
  - b. Not reusing worship folders
  - c. Not passing the offering plate
  - d. Not offering beverages or snacks (you're welcome to bring your own)
- 7) We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays with special precautions:
  - a. During worship - the distribution will take place in a way where households will stay 6 feet apart from each other and the pastor.
  - b. After worship - individual household communion will be available at our Cottage Grove location on Sunday afternoons with pre-registration required for households.

Please extend grace and patience with each other as together we try to navigate the best way to worship during this time. Whether you worship in person or at home we are thankful that God meets us wherever we are. We pray that we are able to move toward more normal worship practices soon. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office!