

July 2nd, 2020

We are pleased to confirm that we will be re-opening for Worship Services on Sunday, July 12th, 2020. In order to re-open in a safe manner Church Council and the Elders have worked to prepare the Church and information for our members. Below you will find general and specific information on what the Church is doing and what you must do as a member in order to attend, so please read carefully. It is our hope to offer Worship again in a manner that keeps everyone safe and healthy, but also fulfills the spiritual soul of all.

What the Church is doing

Aside from our normal Church cleaning, we have added extra disinfection services. On top of being cleaned, the bathrooms, counters, door handles and pews will be disinfected before each Sunday Service. Hand sanitizer will also be available throughout the building. We will also be strictly enforcing the 50 person indoor limit per Provincial Health Authorities. Everyone inside the Church will be asked to physical distance except for brief exchanges and this will be enforced as well if individuals from different households do not physical distance.

You will find information posted at the back parking lot door and inside the front narthex door, outlining conditions for entering the Church. We are also working to reduce the amount of contact between individuals, so you may notice a number of changes when you first attend. Firstly, we will be suspending the use of Communion cards for the time being. Instead of normal Offering collection, an Offering plate will be placed in the Sanctuary for you to leave your Offerings in, as we do for Good Friday. For the summer at least, we will be using the hymnals more than we have in the past and instead of handing out bulletins with the Worship Service printed, a single page indicating the Order of Service, any hymns, Psalms and Readings will be available when you enter the Church. Lastly, we will be having Communion each week in July in order to give everyone a chance to Commune this month. Starting in August, we will revert to the normal Communion schedule. For

the summer, Communion will be offered in the continual method, where individuals will line up single file and take an individual Communion cup. You will then approach the Pastor who will give you a Communion wafer, and invite you to consume the wafer and wine individually in a manner similar to normal Communion. The Pastor will be using hand sanitizer immediately before Communion begins.

What you need to do as a member

We are asking everyone to follow the below instructions. These procedures will be in place until at least the end of August, at which time they will be reviewed. If changes are necessary at any time, we will let you know as soon as possible.

- 1) If you are sick, please do not attend Church. We ask that you stay home to keep yourself and others safe and healthy.
- 2) In order to ensure that we are below the 50 person indoor limit, we ask that you inform our President Jordan Wall by email at jordanwall3@gmail.com each week if you are planning on attending that Sunday by the Friday before. For example, if you are planning on attending July 12th, we ask that you confirm by July 10th. This will allow us to keep track of the numbers of people planning on attending. We may have to ask members not to attend if we are at risk of exceeding our limit, but we don't anticipate this being the case for the summer. We don't need the names of everyone attending, just the number you will be attending with (household, or per car etc).
- 3) In order to reduce cross traffic, everyone is asked to enter the Church from the main narthex front door only. This door will be opened at 10:30am each Sunday, so please do not arrive to the Church earlier than then. Everyone will exit through the back parking lot door. If you require the use of the ramp to enter the Church, please include that in your email that you are attending, and we will ensure someone is at the back door to let you in. This will be on the only exception, and the backdoor will be locked at all other times.

4) Hand Sanitizer will be available for you at the entry door. Everyone is required to use and apply hand sanitizer upon entry to the Church.

5) We encourage everyone to wear a mask when at the Church. At this time, this is not mandatory, but that may change in the future. We have a limited supply of masks at the Church, but we ask if you are able, to bring your own.

6) Physical distancing of at least 6 feet is required at all times except for very brief exchanges. This includes when lining up for Communion. Members from the same household are not required to physically distance. We ask you to remember distancing when finding a pew to sit in.

7) For the time being, we will not be holding coffee time after Service. We ask that upon completion of Service, you leave the building and do not linger in the Church or in the parking lot.

8) If at this time, you do not feel comfortable attending Service, but would like to receive Communion at home from one of the Pastors assisting in our vacancy, please email me at jordanwall3@gmail.com or by phone at (204) 898 -4477 and we will get one of the Pastors to get into contact with you. For Emergency Pastoral Care (ie. medical issues, crisis issues, deaths, baptisms etc) please contact vacancy Pastor, Pastor Cam Schnarr by email at pastor@beautifulsavior.ca or at (204) 997-7392

There will undoubtedly be hiccups along the way, especially on July 12th, so we ask and thank you for your patience. We also thank you for your support and adherence to the re-opening plan and procedures. We will be continuing to post Services to our YouTube page, and hope to have Bible Studies posted there soon as well.

Blessings!