

# Peace Presbyterian Church

4881 SE Cove Road  
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To our Peace Church family:

Since COVID-19 began in March we have been working tirelessly trying to figure out ways that we could all get some sort of church experience and remain safe. This has certainly not been an easy task. We are pleased, however, that we were able to introduce the virtual church experience, which has been well received by many. That being said beginning November 15<sup>th</sup> we will begin a phased in approach to modified worship. This service will be shorter than the normal service and seating arrangements will be in compliance with social distancing requirements. The following procedures are in compliance with the CDC, Florida Department of Health and Presbytery guidelines. We understand that some of you may not feel comfortable returning to church and just know that it is okay to stay home and we encourage you to continue to watch the live stream service on our web site:

[www.peacepresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.peacepresbyterianchurch.org).

## **GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP SERVICE TIER ONE**

1. If you are ill or have been with someone who was ill, **please stay home as to not infect any other parishioners.**
2. Worship spaces and restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized by our cleaning service before Sunday services.
3. Doors will not open until 20 minutes prior to worship. Our shortened service is to limit the loss of coolness as the air conditioner will be turned off.
4. Reservations for attending the church service will be required since we will have very limited seating. You can call the church office @ 772-288-4146 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please leave your full name, phone number and number of people attending with you. If you are making reservations for others not in your party, we will need the aforementioned information for them also. Unfortunately, those without reservations will be turned away. Due to our limited seating if we cannot accommodate you this week you will be first for the next week.
5. Hand sanitizers will be at the church entrance for you to use as you enter and exit the church.
6. An usher will greet you at the front door and direct you to your seat. Once seated we ask that you remain seated and do not change seats and do not walk around to socialize.

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7. There will be no bulletins. A sheet with the order of the service will be provided.
8. **Face masks will be mandatory and must remain on while on church property.** If you are uncomfortable wearing a face covering for long periods of time perhaps watching the virtual service would be better suited for you. We encourage you to bring your own mask. If you do not have one, one will be provided.
9. There will not be passing of the peace.
10. There will not be congregational singing.
11. When we celebrate the sacrament of Communion, upon entering the church you will be given a plastic bag with your elements inside. After you partake of the sacraments please deposit your empty pod into the bag provided and seal it. Deposit the bag in the trash as you exit the church.
12. At the conclusion of the Worship Service please remain in your seats until instructed by the usher to exit. The side doors will not be used for entering or exiting the church.
13. There will be a collection plate in the Narthex so you can deposit your envelope as you exit the church.
14. We ask that you refrain from touching anyone and to maintain social distancing of six feet from each other during our time together and on church grounds.
15. Fellowship Hall and the church office building will be closed for access on Sunday's until further notice.
16. Restrooms are to be utilized on an emergency basis. We ask that you wipe surfaces before and after use with the paper towels and disinfectant spray that will be provided.

We ask that you please read the above guidelines carefully so that you can determine if returning to face to face worship is the best option for you. We all would like the world to return to the way it was before COVID-19 but that is not a reality at this point in time. If you have not supplied the church with your current email address, we ask that you please do so that we can keep you up to date with the most current information. We thank you for your patience and cooperation as we move forward.

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