



In-Person Worship at Epworth UMC What you need to know

Revision 1, October 26, 2020

1. **We will begin offering in-person worship at Epworth UMC on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020 at 10:00 am.** (We will continue to livestream this worship experience on YouTube at the same time.) The maximum safe seating capacity of the sanctuary is 148 persons, including worship leaders.
2. **Reserve your seat** in advance by contacting the church office (302-227-7743 or office@eumcrb.org) or via a signup [link](#) available on our website, www.eumcrb.org, our [Facebook](#) site, and through our weekly email. The reservation window will close on Thursdays at 5 pm. We will hold a limited number of seats for persons who have not registered in advance, but we prefer to reserve these seats for visitors. Everyone will need to register each week (please **register everyone in your household together**).
3. If you experience any symptoms of a Covid-19 infection or if you have been exposed to a person infected with the virus in the previous 14 days, you will not be permitted to enter the building. **Your health and the health of your neighbor is our priority.**
4. **If you are at higher risk of complications from a Covid-19 infection** (older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions, such as kidney disease, COPD, BMI over 30, diabetes, or immunocompromised), **we strongly encourage you to avoid the risk of participating in these in-person worship services.** We are committed to providing livestream worship throughout the Covid-19 pandemic as the primary way for the Epworth community of faith to gather for worship.
5. We ask everyone in attendance to follow these safety precautions:
 - a. **always wear a mask** in the building and when near other people in the parking lot
 - b. **do not enter the building and seek medical attention if your temperature is over 100 or you answer yes to any of the screening questions** (both will be checked at the bayside and oceanside portico entrances)
 - c. after screening at the door and checking in at the registration table in the foyer, **wait for an usher to escort you to your reserved seat**
 - d. **refrain from singing in the service** and **maintain six-foot** distance from others
 - e. exit the sanctuary and building after the service when the ushers direct you to do so.
6. Our HVAC system will be configured for fresh air intake and a lower fan setting during worship.
7. **All contact spaces will be sanitized** following each worship service.
8. These measures will require a dedicated team of volunteers to provide screening, registration, and ushering. We are grateful to the people who have already volunteered to serve in these positions, without whom in-person worship would not be possible. **Please consider volunteering to be part of this team by contacting the church office.**