

## Covid Precautions for Sunday Worship

We are pleased to be offering in person worship experiences at First Baptist of Manlius. There are several caveats and regulations we will ask you to adhere to.

First and foremost, if you have any underlying condition that would make your exposure to an airborne virus impact you in a negative way, or you have any concerns, please know that we would rather you hold off on worshipping in person with us. We will continue to put our services online. The service will be posted on our website by 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon for you to worship from home. Go to: [firstbaptist-manlius.org/sermons](http://firstbaptist-manlius.org/sermons)

Second, please do not attend a service or a meeting in the church if you are symptomatic - or if you have been in direct contact with a person who has these symptoms (if they have not been tested or have tested positive for COVID 19). Symptoms: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, **persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face {these in bold mean you should seek immediate medical treatment!}**

Third, We will be using a single point of entry for the church. This will be the doors that enter directly from the parking lot with the overhang - at the elevator. This will also be the exit point. Weather permitting, this door will be open as will the entry door to the sanctuary, to avoid the need to touch handles.

Fourth, as you enter the sanctuary, there will be hand sanitizer there - please use some.

Fifth, in choosing a place to sit, please choose the furthest unoccupied seat, so as to minimize passing people or having them pass you. When we finish the service, we will release people in order of closest to the door first, and ask for any post service conversations to happen out in the parking lot area. There is an overflow area with a video feed provided, should the sanctuary exceed its safe capacity. You will only be allowed to sit in designated areas. Families please sit together to conserve space for others. Parents, please plan on keeping your children with you in your area. There will be no children's church or nursery. Children's time will happen, however, the children will not be coming up to the front of the church.

Sixth, once in the church, you will be required to wear a mask (if you do not have one, or forget, we have some that may be used at the church). You will be allowed to remove the mask once the service begins. However, during singing, you will be required to wear the mask to protect others as well as yourself. (It has been theorized that the act of singing produces more airborne droplets than other activities such as talking.)

Seventh, we are cleaning the church before you come, and will do so after you leave. Please restrict your use of the building to only areas needed for your acts of worship.

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and discipleship. Avoid touching as many things as you possibly can. We would ask that ,if possible, you refrain from using the restrooms, but they will be open if needed.

Eighth, we will not have bulletins nor will we be passing anything around (like offering plates). The offering may be left at the door as you enter or leave if you desire. We will be not having anything that you will need to touch after another person has touched it.

Ninth, PLEASE NO HUGGING and NO HANDSHAKES (also no brotherly/sisterly kisses.... nor the like). Hugs are important, and proper touching can bring about healing and well being, but for now we must refrain. Thank you for understanding and abiding with this.

Tenth, let us care for one another as Christ has cared for us. If that means you should not attend, please don't. If you come, we understand you are placing any and all risk on yourself, but do not put others in undue risk by violating one of these current Baptist commandments...

Thank you very much for your cooperation.