



24 February 2021

Greetings CrossPointe Church Family,

Due to a recent spike in COVID-19 infections Governor Hogan and Executive Pittman have indicated updated guidelines. These do not substantively affect our church operations, but it does provide an opportunity to make our guidelines clear.

- We will continue to hold public meetings and will comply with Mr. Hogan's and Mr. Pittman's directives. We will begin promptly at 10am. **Please arrive by 9:45am.** The flow of the service will begin with singing, a congregational prayer, preaching, a final song, and close. After the close all attendees must move outside. There will be no breaks and we are minimizing the amount of individuals involved in leading and serving on all fronts.
- Children's ministry is available for children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under. Older children will remain in the sanctuary, except on weeks when Middle School Bible Study is available.
- The maximum capacity of our meeting is 166 with social distancing in the sanctuary. Chairs are grouped and can be moved to accommodate appropriate spacing. There is more than enough space to be safe in the sanctuary and we welcome all who are able to join us. We recommend arriving by 9:45am to give plenty of time to arrange your seating and settle in for the worship service.
- The taking of Communion has been reinstated. We will use individually wrapped containers which hold both the juice and wafer.
- We will not collect tithes and offering; all giving is encouraged either electronically or through the mail. There is also a box available in the sanctuary to drop your giving check.
- There will be hand sanitizer available throughout the building.
- We will limit the numbers in the bathroom areas such that no more than 4 adults (over age 12) are in the bathroom at any time (apart from emergencies).

- Masks are required everywhere in the building for every attendee over age 5 and recommended for younger children who are able to wear a mask. There are only 2 exceptions. First is in the case of an existing medical condition that prevents wearing a mask without agitating that condition. If you fall into this category there is a designated area to serve you and the rest of CrossPointe. Second is for the music team (only while on stage), the media/slides person (only while in the booth with the door closed), and anyone who is speaking publicly (congregational prayer, preaching, closing). Everywhere else masks are required inside the building.
- We will continue to LiveStream the service and the link will continue to be available on the church website.

As to other church related gatherings, meetings taking place in homes (i.e. Care Group, Bible Study, Prayer Group) are not currently affected by the recent directives. That said, each group should take this opportunity to wisely consider their practices. Leaders should gather input from the group to understand what will best serve the group's needs. (e.g. continuing as normal, splitting the meeting, meeting outside, online meeting, etc.). If your group would be served by moving to the church building you may schedule your time by contacting the office, but must observe the masks requirement.

Finally, let's continue to pray. This is an opportunity to depend on the Lord and seek to serve one another. I look forward to being together in person with those who are able, and virtually with those who are not yet able!

By Grace,

Ed on behalf of the Elder Team