

From the Session concerning Covid safety measures at Potomac Presbyterian Church:

As we move into Summer and find the pandemic threat receding in Montgomery County, we want to keep you informed about the safety measures we are taking at the church to comply with CDC and MoCo guidelines as well as those that we feel are right at this time for our congregation. At the June 28, 2021 meeting the Session agreed upon the following measures to undertake for our congregation's safety and well-being as the community continues to open up and we return to in person worship.

1. Masks. Masks will be worn in the sanctuary during worship except by those who are speaking and actively leading worship. Masks may be removed while receiving Communion. Masks may be removed outside after worship during fellowship. Masks are not required to be worn in the building during the week by those who are vaccinated. Masks will be available for anyone who needs one at the entrance of the sanctuary.
2. Singing. The final Lord's Day hymn will be sung during worship so that those who would like to sing may do so and those who prefer to leave before the final hymn is sung may do so as well.
3. Reservations. Online reservations will no longer be taken or needed to attend worship. Those entering the building for worship will be invited to sign-in using pen and paper or a QR Code. The usher(s) will count the number of persons in attendance.
4. Distancing. The middle section of the sanctuary pews will no longer have every other pew roped off. The side sections of the sanctuary have every other pew roped off and will be for those in attendance who wish to adhere to strict social distancing of at least six feet between non-family related persons. The fellowship hall and lower level classrooms including the nursery are available for a more distanced worship space as the livestream service may be viewed on the screens in those rooms.
5. Outside Groups Meeting in the Building. Members of outside groups are invited to return to meet in the fellowship hall and asked to wear masks.

A small "Return to Public Worship" task force chaired by Dr. Heather Davies which includes Elders Steve Dorman, Jung Lawrence & Chidi Obasi, will meet monthly to revisit and revise these measures. Feel free to reach out to any of these folks, other Session members, or to the church staff should you have comments or questions about these measures. We would love to hear from you about what you need in order to return to in person worship and ministry at PPC.

*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live [and worship] together in unity! Psalm 133:1*