

Dear Westend Congregation:

We are so grateful for your prayers for our church and leadership over the past three months. We are excited to announce a modification to our reopening plan: we will begin gathering for outdoor worship this Sunday morning, June 14!

For those of you who feel comfortable attending in-person, outdoor worship, we will gather in the parking lot on the Northwest side of the church building. We encourage you to bring your own chair, if possible. At the advice of medical experts who are a part of our congregation, we ask that you wear a mask during the worship service, *especially during singing*, and that we maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between households.

While we are excited to gather for outdoor worship, we also recognize that there are many different levels of comfort within our congregation. We will continue to offer digital worship, available as a livestream on Facebook and YouTube at 9:45AM. The video will automatically be available after the live recording is completed as well if you prefer to view it later in the week. If you prefer to attend but remain in your vehicle for the duration of the worship service, we will reserve the row of parking spots at the far west edge of our lot for attendees who prefer to remain in their vehicle.

Some things will look different during this next phase of worship: we will not be serving coffee or cookies; we will have a designated location to drop off your financial gifts instead of passing an offering plate; we ask that you remain outside of the church building unless you are using the restroom. In the event of inclement weather, we will gather online only. We ask that you enter the parking lot through the south driveway (closer to WSCS) and we plan to have packets of children's activity available. Despite the changes, we are excited for the opportunity to see one another, to celebrate God's grace together, and to dive into God's Word together.

As you have been patient and gracious so far, we ask that you continue to do so moving into the future. The Ad Board will continue to monitor the situation, seek the advice of community leaders and local health experts, and evaluate how we can best help our church live out the mission that God has given us as a church.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday!

In Christ,

Pastor Kory Plockmeyer
Mike Terrell, Moderator

On behalf of the Ad Board