

# IN-PERSON WORSHIP SAFETY GUIDELINES DURING COVID-19

## First Church of Christ – Cherokee, Iowa

**We're excited you'll be attending our service this Sunday! When you come, here's what to expect:**

We are currently offering one worship service on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are doing our best to help everyone practice proper social distancing. Families can and should sit together, but there must be at least six feet between you and the next family or individual sitting on your particular row. Every other row in the sanctuary is blocked off to ensure proper distancing between rows.

- All seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.
- We ask everyone to maintain six feet of social distancing as you move into and throughout the building.
- We encourage everyone to bring your own hand sanitizer. Even though we will have hand sanitizer available, we encourage you to bring some as well. (If you would like to donate some to help us have more than enough, that would be great, too!)
- We encourage everyone to wash or sanitize hands upon entering and after any interacting with others.
- Consistent with the actions taken by many individuals across the state, and in accordance with CDC recommendations, we strongly encourage the wearing of cloth face coverings.
- We use disposable communion each Sunday. You can pick that up on your way in. We won't hand out programs or pass offering trays during services. We encourage you to use [online giving](#), the offering trays located on tables in the foyer and/or mailing your offering to the church office.

### Services

- Begin promptly at 9:30 a.m.
- Pre-packaged communion is set out on the welcome desk in the foyer for people to pick up on their way in.
- We do not have any transactional business on campus such as communion or offering trays.
- Every other row is marked off for social distancing.

### Decisions

- At the end of the service, we have a time where you can make a decision for Jesus. You may come forward during the singing of the invitation song and make your decision known to the pastor.
- Baptisms are done individually.
- We won't do any group baptisms unless members of the same family.
- We are available to do private baptism times for anyone more comfortable with that.

### Housekeeping

1. We have a crew of dedicated volunteers who clean and sanitize between and after all services.
2. We wipe down all arm rests, tables, chairs, doorknobs/handles/crash bars, all equipment, etc.

3. We encourage and gladly accept donations of hand sanitizer, wipes, Lysol, etc. You can drop them off at the church office during the week or when you come to worship.

#### Water Fountains

- Though the water fountain is on and available, we discourage its use. Instead, you are encouraged to bring your own bottled water to drink.

#### Miscellaneous

- Copies of each week's sermon notes are available for pick up on the welcome desk in the foyer along with pre-packaged communion when you come in.
- Please note, all ministries, activities and services have not yet begun on campus. For example, we are currently not offering nursery services, Sunday school or children's/youth programming in person.
- **If you have any concerns or health issues, we ask that you remain at home** and watch our online service via our [Church Online Platform](#) at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings or through our church [YouTube Channel](#).

Check our church website and on FCoC's social media ([Facebook](#)) for updates!