

Hi Friends!

This week marks a milestone that many of us have been waiting for, for over a year. This Sunday (April 11th), we will be gathering in the Church building for an in-person worship service. As we mentioned in previous announcements, we are blessed to have three separate large gathering areas we will be utilizing to worship together. 1) the Sanctuary 2) the Ida Payne Fellowship Hall and 3) the Youth Chapel. Because we are having to limit our capacity, we will need to reserve our spots in one of the three areas by going to <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4> and signing up on the list of events posted there.

To get ready for Church on Sunday here are some things you will need to be aware of. First if you are running a fever or are showing symptoms of illness, please refrain from putting others at risk and join us on our live stream broadcast at <https://www.youtube.com/PiratesoftheColumbia> and participate from home. We will also be following strict protocols around Time, Distance, and Shielding during our gatherings... That means that we will be wearing masks while inside the building, keeping a 6' distance between households seated together (roughly 2 arm lengths), encouraging you not to sing along with our worship team, but worship in our hearing and reading these wonderful songs, and not linger in the building after the service concludes.

Here are some logistical things to be aware of for Sunday. If you have reserved your spot in the Sanctuary, we ask that you enter and exit through the main entrance under the carport at the South side of the building and not wander through the building. There is a hand sanitizing kiosk as you enter the Sanctuary that we ask you use as you enter.

If you have reserved a spot in Ida Payne, we ask that you enter the building at the "old main entrance" off Dayton Street and again, we ask that you not wander through the building, but please use the sanitizer at that entrance as you enter the building.

If you have reserved a spot in the Youth Chapel, we ask that you enter the building on the Kennewick Avenue entrance (Be aware that there are stairs you will need to navigate to get to the Chapel downstairs, so if accessibility and mobility are issues for you, keep that in mind) and as with the other locations, we ask that you refrain from wandering through the building and please use the sanitizer station as you enter the chapel.

A great amount of planning and work has been done by our Emergency Planning Team and Our Spiritual Leadership Council to make this significant step towards reopening fully, and I want to express my thanks to them for their hard work over months to make this a reality for our entire Church!

Reserve your spots for limited in-person worship for the month of April

Sign are posted for the entire month's worship services at <https://rsvp.church/r/yYVuCLI4>. Feel free to reserve spots for the month ahead, or plan on joining us virtually through the live stream on YouTube.

Hollis Morris' Graveside Service

Our dear friend and fellow church member, Hollis Morris passed away on March 30th. There will be a private memorial service for his family, but his family has invited all those who would like to attend to a graveside service at the Desert Lawn Cemetery (Corner of 10th & Union in Kennewick) at 2 pm on Monday, April 12th. Because of Hollis' status as a "Master Gardener", the family has invited anyone attending the service to bring a flower to place on the casket before he is interned in his final resting place.

Pastor Mark