

Salem Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church
Guidelines (Condensed) for Sunday Worship Services
in Response to COVID-19

1. Sunday morning worship services will resume on May 10, 2020. Come with hearts prepared to worship: *"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."* – 1 Chronicles 16:34.
2. Audio of the worship service will be broadcast on 88.3 FM via a low-power transmitter located in the fellowship hall for those that would like to listen from their vehicles in the parking lot.
3. Please follow these social-distancing measures during services:
 - If you have an elevated temperature, exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or other contagious illnesses, or do not feel well, please do not attend.
 - Refrain from handshakes, hugs, or other forms of direct contact.
 - Use a staggered seating approach so that sufficient space (6-foot minimum is recommended) is between each person. Family groups may sit together but should maintain sufficient space from other individuals or family groups.
 - Printed bulletins will not be available.
 - Please only use pew hymnals and Bibles that are in your immediate area and avoid passing these to others.
 - Communion services and partaking of the Lord's Supper will be deferred to a later date.
 - The Choir will not assemble during the worship service.
 - No offering plate(s) will be passed around during the service.
 - No children's message will be held during the worship service.
 - The nursery will not be used during the worship service except by parents of children needing to access the nursery with their child / children.
 - Avoid use of the public water fountain.
 - Use of masks is recommended, but not required.
 - Use of personal hand sanitizer is recommended.
 - After conclusion of the worship service, please exit the sanctuary promptly and in an orderly manner maintaining adequate distance from others.
 - Please do not congregate or cluster in the walkways or at the exits.
 - No use of the playground area after the worship service will be allowed.

**** NOTE: Please see full guidelines on Salem's website for further details. ****

*In thy light shall
we see light.*
- PSALM 36:9



**Salem A.R.P. Church
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Guidelines for Sunday Worship & Other Gatherings in Response to COVID-19

Sunday Worship Services

1. The Congregation of Salem A.R.P. Church will resume regular Sunday morning worship services on May 10, 2020. Come with hearts prepared to worship: *"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."* – 1 Chronicles 16:34.
2. Audio of the worship service will be broadcast on 88.3 FM via a low-power transmitter located in the fellowship hall. This will allow those not wishing to gather in the sanctuary to listen to the audio of the worship service from their vehicles outside.
3. Those wishing to gather in the sanctuary for the worship service may do so, being mindful that the following social-distancing measures will be practiced:
 - If you have an elevated temperature, exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or other contagious illnesses, or do not feel well, please do not attend the sanctuary worship service.
 - Refraining from handshakes, hugs, or other forms of direct person-to-person contact.
 - Use of staggered seating approach so that sufficient space (6-foot minimum is recommended) is between each person. Exception is that a family group, already in close contact as a matter of course in the same household, may sit together but should maintain sufficient space from other individuals or family groups.
 - To limit possible exposure to the virus, printed bulletins will not be available. A digital copy of the bulletin may be sent out via email prior to the service for each week upon request. Please inform the Church Secretary if you would like to receive the bulletin via email each week. Her email is salemarp@hotmail.com.
 - Please only use pew hymnals and Bibles that are in your immediate area and avoid passing these to others. Replace them in the pew racks in your immediate area after use. Personal Bibles and hymnbooks may be brought from home, but not remain in the sanctuary.
 - To limit possible exposure to the virus, Communion services and partaking of the Lord's Supper will be deferred to a later date.
 - The Choir will not assemble during the worship service.
 - No offering plate(s) will be passed around during the service. Instead, offering plate(s) will be placed at the front and rear of the church for those wishing to give. Remember that tithes and offerings can also be mailed to the church.
 - No children's message will be held during the worship service.
 - The nursery will not be used during the worship service except by parents of children needing to access the nursery with their child / children during the

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service to tend to their needs. Classrooms in the education building may also be used for this purpose as needed.

- No use of the public water fountain will be allowed.
- Use of masks is recommended, but not required.
- Use of hand sanitizer is recommended.
- After conclusion of the worship service, please exit the sanctuary promptly and in an orderly manner maintaining adequate social distancing guidelines from others. Please do not congregate or cluster in the walkways or at the exits / doors to the sanctuary.
- Please feel free to fellowship with one another outside the sanctuary or in the parking lot areas, but maintain adequate social distancing guidelines.
- No use of the playground area after the worship service will be allowed.

Sunday School / Circles / Youth Groups / Men's Bible Study / Choir Practice / Fellowship Meal Activities

1. Until further notice, Sunday School classes and activities before the 11 AM worship hour will not be held to avoid close-contact situations between attendees in classroom settings.
2. Womens' Circles, Small Group meetings, Men's Bible Study, and other related events meeting at other times during other days of the week are permitted based on the individual group's willingness to gather and meet. Please practice and maintain adequate social distancing guidelines during these events and avoid bringing or sharing food.
3. Sunday evening Youth Group meetings for the younger children (elementary school and younger) will not be held to avoid the close contact of small children as they interact. Older Youth groups (middle-school / high-school) are free to gather and meet; however, please practice and maintain adequate social distancing guidelines during these events and avoid bringing or sharing food.
4. Choir Practice activities will not be held until further notice to avoid close-contact situations and concentration of individuals.
5. Fellowship Meal activities, whether prior to or after the Sunday worship service, or any other days during the week will not be held until further notice to avoid close-contact situations and concentration of individuals serving or partaking of food.

**** NOTE: The above Guidelines will remain in place until further notice and will be continuously evaluated by the Session in the future on a monthly basis. ****