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VALLEY REGATHERS

Plan & Guidelines

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WELCOME BACK, VALLEY

Getting “FIT” for Regathering

We’re excited to once again gather for worship in our Sanctuary! This is your Regathering Guide; it will be updated as our standards and guidelines change. You will always find the latest version on the website.

*Valley is embracing three approaches that will make us all “**FIT**” for Regathering:*

*We must be **Flexible**. We’re all dealing with a lot of change this year: at home, at work, at church. Let’s be flexible!*

*We must be **Innovative**. Some of the things we’ll be trying, we simply haven’t done before.*

*We must be **Thoughtful**. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we’re going to assume the best from each other; we’re going to have to be forgiving and kind and thoughtful.*

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

SANCTUARY SERVICE TIMES AND FACILITY DETAILS

In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary at Valley Avon

» Saturdays at **5 p.m.**; Sundays at **9 and 11 a.m.**

Facility Sanitizing

- » While we always seek to maintain high standards of cleanliness, extra measures have been taken to clean the facility. The entire building is being carefully cleaned throughout the week.
- » Over the last two months, we have deep-cleaned the facility by sanitizing the carpets, chairs, surfaces, and all points of contact.
- » Our goal is to make worship attendance as “contact-free” as possible; doors will be propped open; hand sanitizer will be available; water fountains will be closed.
- » All door handles and surfaces in bathrooms and common areas will be cleaned before, between, and after services.

WORSHIP BASICS

TOP RULES TO REMEMBER

- » Each service will be limited to 100 seats for attendees and volunteers combined.
- » **Each party must reserve its space ahead of time.** Reservations are first-come first-served and will be available early in the week through at avon.valleycommunity.cc.
- » Masks will be required **any time you're in the building**, except for staff and volunteers on the stage.
- » These are **“no-contact” worship services**. There will not be any physical contact, nor will there be any paper handouts or pew materials available. Sermon resources, including connect cards and prayer request forms, will be available online.
- » There are no groups or communities meeting during worship times. There will be **no nursery or kids classes**, so all children in attendance must be included in your reservation total.
- » Ushers and staff will direct you to your seating area, be available for questions, and dismiss the congregation in an orderly fashion afterward to ensure good physical distancing.

WORSHIP GUIDELINES

STEP-BY-STEP DETAILS

Before Entering the Building

- » Before you arrive, please take the temperature of family members attending.
- » Please do not bring any food or drink into the building.
- » Allow extra time to be seated, but do not enter the building earlier than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the service.

Inside the Sanctuary

- » Please wait for ushers to seat you. Ushers will select a seat for you based on your group size.
- » Offering plates will not be passed. Please continue giving online, or you may use the offering boxes attached to the wall at the back of the sanctuary.
- » Worship resources will be available online. From your pew, you can scan a QR code to access the Worship page.

Leaving the Sanctuary

- » Please wait for ushers to dismiss your row.
- » During dismissal, please maintain physical distancing and avoid congregating near doors and aisles.
- » After dismissal, please exit the building so that we can reset for the next service. We invite you to continue any conversations outdoors.

WORSHIP SAFELY

RISKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you for understanding the need for these guidelines. As we begin regathering, we each assume a certain level of risk and responsibility. Please only assume that risk when you are comfortable doing so in relation to your personal vulnerability. Please help us protect others by embracing these guidelines responsibly.

While enhanced safety measures are being taken at Valley Community Baptist Church, an inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting Valley, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Will I be required to wear a facemask?

Yes. In following the recommendations of the CDC and the State of Connecticut, we currently require those attending worship to wear facemasks for the entire time you're in the building.

Will there be coffee available? Can I bring my own?

For the foreseeable future, we will not be serving or allowing food or drinks in the building.

Will there be activities for children?

For now, your students and children will be with you throughout your time on campus and will sit with you during worship. For now, neither the Nursery nor the Cry Room will be available.

Can I volunteer to help?

Yes! There are two distinct areas where help is needed:

Greeting Team in the Sanctuary: Email Susan Gaston at sgaston@valleycommunity.cc. Training will be required.

Technical Team: We need help with video, sound, and streaming. Email Susan Hart at shart@valleycommunity.cc.