
The Beacon

The Newsletter of Pine Street Baptist Church



Preparing to Worship Together

The church Operations Team has been planning and preparing for the time when we will worship together once again in our beautiful sanctuary. Working together, we have established some clear guidelines for preparing the sanctuary before our initial worship after reopening, maintaining the sanctuary after each worship, guidelines for safely gathering during

worship, as well as guidelines for preparing other parts of the church building. All of these guidelines are listed below on page two, and we encourage you to carefully read them so that you will be completely informed about what to expect when we gather together. Initially, we will only be gathering for our eleven o'clock worship service. It will look and feel differently, but it will also be a time to celebrate the in-person reunion of our congregation. Different, yes, but being reunited for worship together in our sanctuary is a time to which we all look forward.

GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIPPING TOGETHER

Preparing the sanctuary for first worship. The carpet and pew cushions will be vacuumed and the pews will be cleaned with disinfectant. Bibles and hymnals will be removed and stored. All paper items, envelopes, guest book, etc. will be removed. Every third pew row will be designated and marked for seating to provide a proper social distance during worship.

Each Sunday of worship. The Pine Street doors will remain locked. The congregation will enter the church through the Albemarle Street door or the door adjacent to the Pollard Building. On good-weather days these doors may be propped open to avoid unnecessary hand contact with the door handles. One volunteer will be available at each entrance, and they will be provided a short check list of things to do and/or say (e.g., open door if required, provide hand sanitizer, make sure each person entering the church has a required face covering which covers the nose and mouth, inform of sanctuary seating, restroom and elevator capacities, etc.). This information will be provided on a card to each volunteer. Cleaning hands with sanitizer will be required at each entrance. Church access will be limited to the hallways, stairways, elevator, restrooms, and sanctuary only. The church offices, classrooms, kitchen, fellowship hall, etc. will all be closed.

During worship. There should be social distancing of at least six feet for individuals not living in the same household. Members who live in the same household may sit beside one another if desired. Face coverings (adequately covering the nose and mouth) will be required at all times within the church and sanctuary. Singing, if done at all, will be limited and will be done with face coverings in place. A receptacle of some type will be provided at the entrance to the sanctuary for the offering and will be monitored by two ushers. Individuals will be asked to place their offering in the receptacle as they enter the sanctuary. Communion may not be served for the first few months.

In the sanctuary after each worship service. Vacuum and wipe down pews, doors, railings, etc. with disinfectant. Remove and dispose of any items left in the sanctuary.

Preparing the rest of the building. Only the hallways and sanctuary will be accessible. All other areas of the church will be closed to the congregation. Stairways and railings in the passageways will be cleaned with disinfectant. Touch-free towel and soap dispensers have been installed in five restrooms (children may need instruction and/or assistance with these dispensers). Signage indicating that only one person will be allowed on the elevator at a time (unless specific assistance by a second individual is required). Using the stairs will be encouraged. Water fountains, non-office phones, etc. will be covered or removed. Signage indicating new occupancy for restrooms (likely no more than two at a time; the second-floor women's restroom will likely be limited to one person at a time because of its smaller size). With no choir, Sunday school, or children's church, access to the third floor should be very limited.

Additional information. There will be no nursery available, nor children's church at this time. Children and infants will sit with their "household" family in the sanctuary during worship. Children and infants should only sit adjacent to those with whom they live in the same household dwelling. Heating or air conditioning will run prior to the worship time to heat or cool the sanctuary, but it will not run during the time of worship unless there are extreme temperature conditions. Individuals will be discouraged from congregating in groups within the church. If individuals want to gather for conversation, etc., they will be asked to do so outside of the church building and will be encouraged to maintain a social distance of six feet.



Sunday, June 21 is Father's Day.

With gratitude for all they have given, we celebrate our natural fathers and all the men who have been positive role-models in our life.

A poem by Dolores Treadway, and dedicated to Michael.

In God's Hands

God has painted
The skies with pale blue
With clouds of cotton
Moving throughout it all.
God has called March upon us
With it's brisk winds
And delicate hints of springtime near.
God has listened to our prayers
(As He forever does).
For all winter's fears
He show's us hope through nature alone....



*It is with great pride that we recognize
Our Graduates!
CONGRATULATIONS!!
We are so proud of you all!!*



Bryan O'Mary
Open High School
*Planning to take a "Gap" year, working,
and possibly attending College in the future*



Ashley Jarrell
Lee Davis High School
*Planning to work and attend
J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College*



Joy Valentine-Alexander
Penn Foster High School
*Planning to attend 2 year college, then
transfer to 4 year college. Majoring in
Psychology, Minorng in Health Science*



Sade Woods
Trinity Episcopal High School
*Planning to attend Virginia Commonwealth
University. Majoring in Biology*



Charlotte Woods
Randolph Macon College
Psychology/Spanish Major
Sociology Minor
Planning to enter the U.S. Army



Dorcas Afolayan
Oswego State University
Of New York
Anthropology/Global Studies Major
Life Event Design Minor
Planning to join AmeriCorps in Colorado