

# Updated Re-Open Redeemer Phase 1

**\*\*This document is contingent upon Montgomery County's guidelines and may be revised as circumstances change\*\***

Redeemer will **only** be open for Worship Services: Sundays @ 8am & 11am

Sunday school Classes will NOT meet in the building...  
OTHER THAN FOR WORSHIP, THE BUILDING IS STILL CLOSED!

Anyone who isn't feeling well, who has a cough, fever, or shortness of breath should remain at home.

Our vulnerable population (those who have health conditions, or those who are caring for anyone in the vulnerable population) should remain at home. You may continue worshipping with us online at [www.facebook.com/redeemer.us](http://www.facebook.com/redeemer.us)

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## What can I expect with the Reopening: Phase 1?

Upon entering the building, please make note of all COVID signage and volunteers directing you to move throughout the building while practicing social distance and safety precautions.

- Please see the attached floor plan map that shows which parts of the building will be open and the flow of all traffic.
- The elevator will be available only to those who need it.
- Mailbox area will be unavailable during phase 1
- All staff and volunteers WILL BE wearing facemasks with the exception of the musicians while singing and those speaking from the pulpit.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available.
- Doors (that safely can be) will be propped open to ensure contactless movement throughout the building.
- Please plan on arriving early for worship, as our new procedures will take some time to get used to.

## What do I need to do upon entering the building?

We are asking everyone (over the age of 2) before entering and exiting the building a face covering is worn.

- We ask that you bring a face covering with you. For those who arrive without a face covering, a face mask will be provided

Everyone will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.

- You may bring and use your own hand sanitizer.

## What is the flow upon entering the building?

1. As weather allows, front doors will be propped open for contactless entry. We ask that face coverings are on as you enter and move through the lobby and hallways. After entering the building please use hand sanitizer from either your personal bottle or those at the stations inside the front doors.

2. You will be greeted by one or more of Redeemer's wonderful volunteers from a distance. If you wish to greet them, please greet them from a safe distance, and please be sure to keep the greetings contactless.
3. Once inside the lobby, be looking for guides/signs that will direct you through the lobby. Only those who must have an elevator to get to the second floor should move towards the elevator. There will be signage and volunteers to help you to follow the safest course.
4. In compliance with the fourth ("robust contact tracing operation") of four "Building Blocks to Recovery" in Governor Hogan's recovery plan for Maryland, we will have a check in station we will need each attendee to stop at before heading upstairs. You will simply be asked your name to be checked into our database.
5. Ushers will be helping direct you/your family on where to sit.
  - a. You will see the aisles have been widened to accommodate social distancing and certain rows have been marked off.
  - b. Please leave 3 chairs between you/your family and others
  - c. Since we will still be live streaming, keep in mind upon entering the FLC that the live stream may have already begun.
  - d. To keep everyone safe, we have temporarily suspended our distribution of bulletins and prayer lists. We also ask that you bring your own Bible, as Redeemer's pew Bibles have been put away for the time being.
  - e. Once to your seats, and as long as you maintain social distancing standards, you may choose to remove your face covering. You also may feel free to continue to wear your face covering.
6. The offering will be received electronically. If you choose to give cash/check, there will be a secure box in the back of the FLC you may use upon entering the FLC, or by mailing it into the church.
7. We will use a method of Holy Communion distribution like we use for Wednesday evening Lent services. When leaving your seat please wear your mask. Remove it to consume the elements.
  - a. Following the Institution of the Holy Communion meal by the Pastor, the worship leaders and Communion Assistants will be communed. Then the words will be spoken to those participating via Live Stream. Those distributing communion will wear a face shield.
  - b. The ushers will invite those who want to partake of the sacrament to proceed to a hand sanitizer station before coming forward to the person serving the bread. You will extend your sanitized, cupped hands and the server will drop a piece of bread into your hands with the words, "the body of Christ given for you." Upon consuming the bread, you will proceed to the wine server.
  - c. An assistant will place a cup on the communion rail for you that you will pick up and extend towards the server. The server will pour the wine into the cup with the words, "the blood of Christ shed for you." Upon consuming the wine, you will proceed to the waste receptacle wherein you should dispose of your used cup.
  - d. You may then put your face covering back on and return to your seat.
8. At the conclusion of the service, the ushers will be dismissing all worshippers by rows. Worshippers will exit the FLC using the stairwell to the right, which leads directly to the outside.
  - a. Those who need an elevator please notify the usher as you are dismissed and listen for direction from the usher before proceeding through the doors at the back of the FLC.
9. State, county and CDC safety protocols for cleaning and sanitizing after each service will be followed.

**We ask that everyone pay close attention to these protocols and processes for the sake of everyone's safety. Thank you all.**