

## **The Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista COVID-19 Safety Protocols for In-Person Worship**

Let us know you are coming to worship each Sunday by calling the church office to be put on the list. Office hours are Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 12 Noon and from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Please read and follow all signage at Church entrances.

Do not enter the Church if you have had a recent fever, COVID-19 symptoms, or contact with a COVID-positive person.

Please put on your mask before entering the building and keep it on while inside the church. A mask will be provided to anyone who didn't bring one. You are requested to save your mask and bring it back for other services. We do not want masks returned to the church. Please sneeze or cough into your elbow.

Please use the **Fellowship Hall** doors to enter and exit the building. The Main Entrance doors will be open for those who need assistance. The Office Lobby and Connector Hallway doors will be locked. During the service, all doors will be locked from the outside.

There will be two welcome stations in Fellowship Hall and one in the Narthex (for those who need assistance) when you arrive. At these welcome stations, a greeter will take your temperature with a no-touch temperature device and register your attendance. We will not pass Friendship Pads during the service. Yellow cards will be available for guests at each station.

Offering plates will be available at each welcome station and Sanctuary door. They will be brought into the Sanctuary before the service begins.

Please use hand sanitizer at the provided sanitation stations. Sanitizing wipes will be available and are also provided for the safety and use of our ushers and greeters.

Restrooms will be available in the Narthex and Connector Hallway. Please take all necessary precautions for your own and others' health and safety. Due to their limited space, for additional safety, only one person at a time may use each Narthex restroom. All restrooms will be stocked with disinfecting supplies to assist you.

Sanctuary doors that enter into the center aisle will not be used before the service. Ushers will help direct you at the doors and can assist you in finding a seat. Once in the Sanctuary, you will be encouraged to maintain a 6-ft. distance from others. Blue tape on the back of each pew indicates where you may sit. (The tape is "behind" you on the pew back.)

When entering and moving about the building, please stay 6 ft. from others at all times. Inside the Sanctuary, couples and families may sit together but should observe a 6-ft. distance from anyone who is not part of your family. Childcare will not be provided for now.

Have no unnecessary personal contact (handshakes, hugs, etc.), including during the Passing of the Peace.

You are encouraged to bring your own Bibles and watch the screens for hymn-singing. Bibles and hymnals have been removed from the sanctuary to prevent possible contamination.

Trays of pre-packaged, single-use Communion cups, including a wafer and juice, will be at the Sanctuary doors as you enter on Communion Sundays. Please wait until the time of Communion when you will be directed to open your packets and partake of the sacrament together. You may lower or remove your mask to partake of the elements. The pastor will provide instructions for how to open the cups prior to Communion

Following the service, congregants will be dismissed, starting from the rear of the Sanctuary. You are asked to remain seated until your row is dismissed by an usher. Wheelchairs and others needing assistance may use the center aisle. Everyone else will exit the sanctuary through the side aisle doors that are between the audio/visual podium and the library curtain for safer access to the Fellowship Hall exit doors. Please continue to maintain at least a six-foot distance from others.

Everyone is asked to remove communion packaging and trash from their pew when they leave. Receptacles will be available in the Narthex for disposing of those items.

There will be no Coffee Fellowship after the service. Everyone is asked to exit the church through Fellowship Hall. Please do not congregate in the Narthex. The pastor will greet you outside the Fellowship Hall exit doors. Please adhere to physical distancing while visiting with others. Masks should be worn until you are in your car. Those who need assistance may exit through the main Narthex doors.

*Thanks to all of you for adhering to these guidelines. You are protecting not only yourself but your friends and family. Questions? Call the church office or a session member.*

Class of 2020

Marinell Anderson  
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