

August 25, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista,

Greetings. On August 8, after much discussion and careful deliberation, the Session approved returning to in-person worship beginning on **September 13** for those who are ready to return. We recognize the deep physical and spiritual need to gather together in worship as well as online and the importance of a plan to do so safely. We know that while many are excited about this news, it also brings anxiety and concern, as well as many questions. We plan to go forward cautiously, in the hopes that more can join when conditions change.

We recommend that anyone who has health concerns for themselves or a family member continue to worship from home. We anticipate beginning to **live-stream** our service on the same Sunday. This means that you will be able to watch the service as it is happening at 10:00 a.m., allowing us to worship together, near or far apart.

For those who wish to worship in-person, the session asks you to follow a few simple rules for everyone's health and safety:

Please do not enter the building if you have a cough or fever. Maintain a minimum of 6 feet of distance from other people. Sneeze or cough into the crook of your elbow.

Do not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact. Face masks will be required for all people over the age of 2.

Enter the building through the Fellowship Hall doors. The Narthex entrance will be available for those who need assistance. At both entrances, there will be Welcome Tables where your temperature will be taken and your attendance recorded on a friendship pad.

Our Narthex is small. Please do not linger to visit after checking in but proceed directly to your seats in the Sanctuary. Ushers will help you to properly distance from others. If you would like to visit with others before and after Worship, please do so at safe distances out in the parking lot, well away from the entrance.

The number of seats will be limited to maintain safe physical distancing, so please let us know you're coming to Worship by calling the church office (479.855.2390).

In-person Sunday school classes and other church activities will resume at a later date.

Please read the enclosed safety guidelines for additional information. If you have any questions, please call the church office or a Session member. As September 13 approaches, we'll share other information via One Call, the church newsletter, and at the beginning of our recorded worship services.

Yours in Christ,
Your Session