

December 2, 2020



Dear Grace Church Family,

I have been so encouraged by the way this church body has rallied around an approach to COVID-19 that has built unity and helped us move forward with wisdom.

Below is an update to our procedures at Grace Church as we continue to be proactive during these unprecedented times.

As we make adjustments to what is a moving target, let's keep Colossians 3:12 at the forefront of our hearts and minds:

*"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,..."*

**WORSHIP at Grace** – We are continuing to meet as a congregation. For those who are not ready to participate through in person worship, the service will be made available online, posted on Facebook, and sent to you via email.

**There will be some DIFFERENCES** - For those of you who will be joining us for worship, we want you to know in advance that the service will be different. Precautions will be put into place in order to maintain a welcoming and safe as possible environment as we meet for worship. Below we have listed some of the changes:

- We are encouraging people to wear mask while in the church building. If you are not wearing a mask, we will assume you have a medical reason.
- When you arrive, a greeter will meet you at the door to welcome you into the building. The greeters will be wearing masks and will not be shaking hands. In fact, we ask all people to refrain from shaking hands while in the building.
- When you enter the building, we will help you make your way directly to the worship center where an usher will direct you and your family to a section of chairs. Chairs have been rearranged to allow for appropriate physical distancing.
- We will worship through singing but ask that you wear a mask while singing.

- We are handing out printed bulletins that include sermon notes and sermon reflection questions. If you would prefer to print off your own bulletin at home the bulletin information will be made available on the main page of our website.
- An offering box will be available in the atrium where you can give your tithes and offerings. You can also continue to give online by visiting our website or downloading the "Give Plus" mobile app. [Click Here to Give Online](#)
- Children's Church and nursery care will not be available during the worship service, however there will be tables in the back of the worship center reserved for families with children. Individualized activities for children to enjoy during the service will be placed in the back. You will take these activity bags home with you after the service. A video from the Gospel Project will be shown during the service and a Bible memory song will be part of the worship service as well. The nursery will be made available for nursing and diaper changes only.
- After the service, ushers will send you out by rows. The fellowship hall will be open for those who plan to stay after the service. If you wish to stay, we ask that you immediately head to the fellowship hall and continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing. If you plan to leave, we ask that you immediately leave through the atrium doors in order to give a clear exit for those who desire to maintain social distancing.

For anyone who might not be feeling well or is showing symptoms of illness (i.e., fever of 100.4° or higher, cough, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, etc.), we encourage you to stay home and take advantage of viewing the service online.

Again, we are excited to gather together as a church community, and look forward to worshipping with you in-person or online. Please continue to pray for Grace Church and all the churches in our area as we seek to resume congregational worship that glorifies God and maintains a safe and welcoming environment.

*Pastor Austin Branson*