



## **Returning to In-Person Worship with The First United Church of Christ, Milford, CT**

We hope and plan to reopen our sanctuary for worship, beginning November 29, 2020 for the season of Advent. The worship experience will be modified in the spirit of keeping each other safe during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

### **ESSENTIALS**

We will continue to offer our online service each Sunday morning at 10:00 AM on YouTube, as well as our other online ministries: hymn sing, Sunday School and Fellowship/Formation opportunities.

### **SAFETY MUSTS**

Seating Capacity is limited, so RESERVATIONS (Online or by Calling Church Office) are required. Individuals & families may only attend with a reservation completed in advance.

Your RSVP contact information is important in the event that we need to contact trace.

### **WHERE TO WORSHIP (Virtual vs. In-Person)**

If you are in a high risk category ([CDC guidelines](#)), consider if our Virtual Worship is best for you.

#### **To attend in-person worship, consider these precautions:**

- Your body temperature must be less than 100.4 degrees AND you are not experiencing any symptoms such as fever/chills; cough; sore throat; fatigue; headache; breathing difficulty; loss of taste or smell; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; diarrhea
- Proper wearing of a facial mask at all times while on the church property
- Social distancing at all times, 6 feet apart of other individuals (or family groups)
- Use of hand sanitizer before entering the building and before exiting
- Follow signs/arrows for foot traffic direction

#### **Please worship virtually, if, within the past 14 days (Nov. 29):**

- You have experienced flulike symptoms or been infected with COVID-19;
- Been in a Nursing Care Facility;
- Been in contact with any person who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Or traveled outside of Connecticut to places with a 10 % test positivity rate.

#### **COMING TO WORSHIP (after you have RSVPed)**

- Remember your mask!
- All worshippers will enter through the front, center door of the Sanctuary, maintain space as you are welcomed.
- An usher will greet you, check your reservation and temperature.
- You will be invited to hand sanitize.
- An usher will guide you to your reserved seat. You will sit where a green dot is placed on the pew. (Reservations with multiple people will be seated together.)
- Take time to pray as other worshippers are seated.
- At the conclusion of worship, ushers will guide you out through side doors in the narthex.
- If you need anything during our approximately 35 minutes experience, please see an usher for guidance.

### **PATIENCE & GRATITUDE**

We will take care of each other as best we are able and look forward to worshipping together (in person and virtually). We appreciate your patience as our church response evolves with the evolution of the Pandemic. We also recognize that if conditions require, we will cancel in person worship, contact any RSVPs, and follow through with our Online Worship.

May God guide and direct us through this season of anticipation,  
*Rev. Adam Eckhart, Rev. Ashley Grant & First Church Adaptation Team*