

Kingsway Baptist Worship Notice

As you know over the past several months, in response to COVID 19 and the related governmental restrictions, we have been meeting virtually for all church services. We have also been using the time while away from our church building to update the sanctuary. As the government is now beginning to ease restrictions and as we are getting closer to finishing our renovations, we wanted to provide you with an update on our near-term plans to begin resuming live worship services.

Sanctuary Update

While our renovation efforts were slowed due to COVID 19 issues, we are now getting close to completion. The drywall, electrical, painting and staining work has been completed and new carpeting is currently being installed. While we don't have a firm date yet, our new sanctuary chairs along with several other items ordered are estimated to arrive mid-July. As a result, we expect to have all of the renovation work done by the end of July.

Worship Services

We currently anticipate that the sanctuary, vestibule, and hallway carpeting will be completed this week. As a result, even though we won't have our new church chairs, we are planning to move forward and open the church for 11am worship services beginning this Sunday July 5th. We will simply utilize our existing folding chairs until such time that the sanctuary chairs arrive. The 11am worship services will continue to be streamed on-line as well as we realize not all church members will feel comfortable returning to live worship at this time.

As we begin to have a live worship service, there are many governmental guidelines and health and safety precautions that will need to observe. Please note the following:

- 1) Any member that is either sick, has symptoms related to COVID 19 or who has either traveled to higher risk locations or who has been exposed to anyone who has tested positive to COVID 19 should continue to attend virtually.
- 2) All members are encouraged to comply with Virginia's current requirement to wear face covering/masks. Masks will be available for those who do not have one.
- 3) Members should make every effort to maintain social distancing during attendance. Physical contact during the fellowship chorus will be suspended. Seating will be by family/household and each family/household should sit at least 6 feet (or 3 chair widths) apart. If attendance is higher than distancing measures will allow, the Fellowship Hall will be utilized for overflow seating and the worship service will be live-streamed.
- 4) To limit the amount of cleaning required, Members are requested to enter the Church at the doors closest to the Sanctuary unless overflow seating in the Fellowship Hall is required.
- 5) The sanctuary will be cleaned prior to each service to ensure chairs and door handles etc. have been properly disinfected. Note that hand sanitizer will also be available near entrances.

- 6) Church bulletins will only be available electronically and announcements will be displayed on the sanctuary screens. If you are not currently receiving the weekly church bulletin via email, please contact Jeff Nester or Thomas Kirk to update your email preferences.
- 7) Church choir will continue to be suspended.
- 8) Offering plates will not be passed during the offertory chorus. An offertory box will be placed in the vestibule where offerings may be placed before or after service. Members may also continue to give on-line or through the mail.
- 9) Children should remain in their seats unless otherwise instructed during Children's time.
- 10) No Children's Church or Nursery services will be available at the current time.
- 11) Coffee stations and water fountains will not be in-service

Sunday School

At this time, given social distancing requirements, Sunday School will continue to be offered only on-line via zoom. To allow members time to attend Sunday School on-line and also make it to the 11am worship service, Sunday School will be moved up 1 hour from 10am to 9am. Sunday School will take place on-line from 9am to 10am with Worship Service beginning at 11am both live and on-line.

Wednesday Night and Sunday Night Services

These services will continue to be offered only on-line at the current time.

The above is just a first step toward returning to normalcy. We are continuing to monitor developments and requirements and will continue to adjust as we are able to and/or are required to. Please stay tuned and look for further updates as we move forward.