

I rejoiced with those who said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord. Psalm 122: 1

Woodridge will reopen to in person worship on Sunday, Sept 6 @ 10 am ... what you need to know to join us.

After many weeks of preparation, the Woodridge Executive Board and staff voted to reopen to in person worship on Sept 6 at 10 am.

There are important health precautions that you will need to know and therefore we have attached to this email a special video to show you how you can safely worship with us. Please take a moment to review it.

Here are some other things to be aware of ...

Attendance: It is important to know that no one should feel pressure to attend and should only come if you are comfortable and are feeling well. In addition, we want to encourage those who are vulnerable to Covid 19 because of age or compromised health to please consider watching the service from home.

We will continue to provide the pre - recorded service that is currently available at the end of the week through the Friday email, the website, or Facebook.

Worship: Our service will be shorter (around 45 minutes) with a simpler format that will be easy for all ages to follow along. Music will be shared on a screen and by piano and organ. There will be an opportunity to share prayer concerns and celebrations in person as we always do. The rest of the service should be familiar.

Reservations: To assist us in maintaining proper distancing and overall attendance numbers, you will need to make a reservation. Reservations will only require one contact name and telephone number and the number of people attending with that person.

Reservations may be made each week by

- Calling the church office at 401 – 942 – 0662 – Monday – Friday (9 – 1 pm)
- Emailing the church office at woodridgechurch@verizon.net anytime before 5 pm on Saturday.
- **Website?**
- Questions – contact pastor Scott by phone or text at 508 – 838 – 6035 or revscottspencer@gmail.com

Although it is very important to make a reservation, we will maintain space for those who might be visiting with us and show up on Sunday morning.

Masks & social distancing: Masks will be required to attend worship and will be kept on through the entire service except when briefly lowered to share a prayer concern or for safely distanced worship leadership. Social distancing will be maintained by the ushers who will seat and guide those entering and exiting the sanctuary. There will be no hugging, hand shaking or fellowship following the service.

Music: Singing is an especially dangerous way to spread the virus, so we will have no congregational singing but instead will enjoy the piano and organ and pre - recorded singing by our music ministry. This will be shown on a screen.

Sunday school: The Christian Education Team has decided that the safest way to involve children and youth at this time is through inter-generational worship and to not hold separate and in person Sunday school through the Fall. We are encouraging families to worship together in the sanctuary. At home and virtual educational opportunities are being developed to supplement Sunday worship.

Although there will be many things about our worship that will be different and necessary to maintain a safe space, there will also be many things that can still bring us much needed joy and fellowship, including the opportunity to see friends and share prayer concerns and celebrations in person.

We look forward to seeing you again!