

## **Preparing for On-Campus Worship with Lanse Free Church**

We are eager and excited to have people return to on-campus worship! We have created this guide to help families prepare to participate in one of the two new worship gatherings on Sundays at 8:00am or 9:30am. We want this to be the best worship experience possible during these unusual days. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office.

### **1. Prepare Your Heart.**

Before attending any worship gathering, it is a good practice to ready your heart interacting with God and with His people. Ask the Lord in prayer for His blessing on your participation in worship and fellowship. Choose a passage of Scripture to meditate upon such as Psalm 23, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1, or Hebrews 1. Prepare any children you are bringing for what to expect. Ask the Lord to make your family a blessing to others as you come on campus, clothing yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience (Colossians 3:12).

### **2. Make Your Reservation.**

If you have not done so yet, please reserve a household seating section for the worship time of your choice by calling the church office (814-345-6500) or following the links in your church email. Because space is limited, we need to know how many to expect for each gathering before 3:30 on Saturday. The 8:00am worship gathering is designed for people with more health concerns so taking health precautions is expected of all who attend. The 9:30am worship gathering is for people with fewer health concerns, and taking health precautions is strongly encouraged of all who can.

### **3. Inform Yourself of Risks.**

Before attending a gathering of people during this outbreak, it is wise to learn about COVID-19. You can find good and [current information at the Centers for Disease Control](#) and the [PA Department of Health](#). An excellent one-page factsheet is "[What You Should Know About COVID-19.](#)"

### **4. Before You Leave Home on Sunday:**

Make sure you are healthy. If you are feeling sick, have a fever, or have been around others who are sick, please stay home and utilize the Worship at Home resources provided online. If you have already made a reservation, please contact the church office to open up your spot.

Bring a clean protective face covering (masks). Disposable masks will be provided for anyone who needs one. You can bring your own hand sanitizer, but it will also be available in the foyer. The restrooms will have an ample supply of soap and paper towels. The building will have been thoroughly cleaned before the 8:00am worship time.

Wear appropriate clothing. The windows and doors of the church building will remain open throughout both worship gatherings. Early mornings may be chilly, requiring extra layers. Summer days can also warm up quickly, and masks often cause you to feel even warmer. Think ahead about how to dress you and any children you are bringing for the expected conditions.

## **5. As You Arrive:**

The doors will open approximately 15 minutes before the worship gathering. [In between services, the Clean Team will disinfect frequently-touched surfaces and do a brief cleaning of the facility.]

Protective face coverings and physical distancing are expected of all who attend the 8:00am service and strongly encouraged of all who can at the 9:30am worship time. Masks are not recommended for children 2 and under or for people with conditions that prohibit the safe wearing.

**BE AWARE: For the 9:30am gathering, some may not wear a mask for the entire time, including during singing.**

As you walk in, you will be greeted by the Welcome Team and encouraged to pick up a printed Worship Guide, Hymnal, and a Pew Bible if needed. The offering plates will be available near the entrance to the auditorium and will not be passed during the service.

Our Welcome Team will help seat your family immediately upon arrival. *Please sit on the end of the pew you enter.* While in the building, we ask that everyone maintain a 6' space around your household (often referred to as a "bubble."). To make this easier for all, we have marked off appropriately spaced seating in the auditorium.

## **6. During the Worship Gathering:**

Enjoy being with your church family worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ! Pray for the rest of the church family who may attend another worship time or be worshiping at home.

**BE AWARE: There may be children at the 9:30am service who do not understand social distancing.**

There will be no children's church or nursery offered at any on-campus gatherings at this time.

## **7. As the Worship Time Ends:**

The Welcome Team will dismiss participants by rows. Please leave any hymnals or Pew Bibles where you sat so that the Clean Team knows which sections were used and can remove those items to be used the next week. Exit the pew by the route you entered it.

The Facilities Team has created an outdoor Fellowship Area by the Ark Park with shade and spaced-seating for people to visit after both worship times.

Everyone is invited to join the Family Fellowship Meeting on Zoom at 11am.

Make your reservation for next Sunday!