



Ocean View Presbyterian Church
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Dear Members and Friends,

We are pleased to announce the current plans for returning to public worship at OVPC. As you know, church leadership has been working for several months on these plans always keeping the health and well-being of the congregation foremost in all discussions. Participants in these discussions have come from Worship, Facilities, Buildings, Grounds, the Advisory team, and Session.

A phased approach has been adopted to allow us to develop and exercise proper protocols and precautions beginning with a small group of worshipers and participants and progressing towards a much larger gathering. Before any new phase can begin, the success of the previous phase will be evaluated and necessary changes will be put in place. All decisions have been and will be made taking our experience, feedback from participants, and current recommendations and guidelines from both the medical community and governmental agencies into consideration.

Each phase has been developed based on the size of our facilities, current social distancing guidelines and cleaning protocols.

Phase I will commence on August 23rd, 2020 and include the August 30th service.

We will welcome 6 worshipers to join the participants in the Sanctuary. We are asking that if you wish to join in worship that you call Ellen Neumann (302-537-1347, elleneu86@gmail.com) by noon of the preceding Friday. Because of the limitation on the number of people we can have in the sanctuary, this will be done on a first come, first serve basis. The usher will have a list of those who have pre-arranged attendance on Sunday morning.

Phase II will commence on September 6th, 2020 thru the month of September.

The number of worshipers will be increased to 10 – 16 (plus participants) again, with the decision based on the success of the protocols put in place and our experiences and feedback from Phase I. A similar method of requesting to attend worship will be utilized and details will be announced prior to first service.

Phase III will commence on October 1st, 2020

The worship service will move from the Sanctuary to Memorial Hall where we predict we can welcome up to 36 worshipers (plus participants) again, with the decision based on the success of the previous phase. The process of requesting to join in worship will be announced prior to the first service.

We realize that this seems like baby steps and it is not our intent to discourage anyone from participating in public worship but we are starting cautiously so as not to put anyone at undo risk. We ask that if you do attend worship in person that you wait for a week or two before requesting attendance again to give others the opportunity to take part and, if your request for attendance cannot be honored that you try again for the next week.

The protocols designed for worship participants is attached and for this to be successful we must all follow them. We look forward to seeing you once again in worship!

In Christ's Service