

As Highland Christian Church begins gathering again, we do so with caution and a desire to honor our state/county recommendations. Highland also desires to honor the Scripture and the practice of Christian gathering. The following standards & practices will be in effect through the summer, but will be reviewed and appropriately adjusted when needed.

By attending an HCC gathering you are agreeing to the following:

- You are not sick, feverish, or displaying COVID19 symptoms.
 - Please err on the side of caution and join us online.
- You are not an “at risk” individual.
 - If you are considered “at risk” please continue to join us online, through a Zoom group, or at an outdoor small group (depending on what you are comfortable with). If you have any questions about how to stay connected, please contact info@highlandchristian.com or call the church office at (828)277-1637.
- **IN CASE YOU NEEDED THE REMINDER!!!** You will wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when needed... (*Alarms will sound if you don't*).

Precautions Highland will be taking in our gathering:

- Facemasks are recommended (you will provide your own mask if you choose to wear one). *Should you choose to wear a facemask, please make sure it has your smile printed on it!*
- If you have children, please talk with them PRIOR to our gathering about the importance of respecting other families’ wishes to maintain social distance. This is important as it will keep a child from being stopped or reprimanded by a parent who may take offense. This is simply another way to instruct our children in how they can serve and think of others... *same thing goes for us adults* 😊
- We recommend practicing social distancing during gatherings, especially in greeting times, communion, and exiting. Persons from the same household do not need to practice social distancing... **UNLESS IT'S THE ONLY TIME YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM THEM! THEN DISTANCE AWAY!**
- Highland will be shortening our service times to one hour. **YOU WILL BEAT EVERYONE TO LUNCH!**
- There will be a cleaning of surfaces before and after our gathering.
- Doors will be propped open and greeting will be done at a distance without shaking hands. (**CAN'T YOU HEAR THE INTROVERTS REJOICING QUIETLY?**)
- There will be NO self-serving hot chocolate stations. Coffee and hot water for tea WILL BE served by an individual wearing a mask and gloves. Packaged stir sticks, sugar packets, and non-dairy creamer packets will be served by an individual wearing

a mask and gloves... *OR PLACED DIRECTLY IN THE TRASH BECAUSE COFFEE SHOULD BE ENJOYED BLACK! (I joke, I joke... but seriously.)*

- There will be no shared food (Individually packaged gold-fish and small bottles of water will be available for children). *YES, ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO SAY, "MINE!"*
- There will be no baskets passed. We encourage giving online, but will have a centrally located box for giving checks and cash. Communion will be prepared and placed on a table (in our current sealed/individual packaged bread & juice) ahead of time by an individual wearing a mask and gloves.
- There will be sections of tables set up for family units to sit at, if desired. Chairs will be available to place where you feel you are socially distanced (you may bring your own camping chair if you'd like). *CAMPING chairs, NOT RECLINER chairs... don't get any ideas folks!*
- Children will remain in their seats for Kids Moment, but Mrs. Becca will still address the children. Pre-packed craft bags will be assigned to every child that will be returned at the end of service. There will be NO self-serving craft or toy stations.
- Parents, we recommend putting together a small bag of "QUIET church toys" for your younger kids that only get used on Sunday mornings to keep little hands busy. *Might we recommend NOT bringing that life sized light saber you've been holding on to?*
- There will be NO nursery care provided for now. Feel free to bring a portable high-chair or use one that Highland can provide.
- There will be NO Sunday morning in-person children or student ministry activities, Bible studies, or small groups at our physical gathering space.
- Hand-sanitizer stations will be placed throughout our gathering space.

Adjusted Gathering Order (EXAMPLE)

Call to Worship/Scripture Reading

1 Song

Prayer

Communion/Giving

Welcome

Kids Moment

Sermon

1 Song