

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 are currently in effect, 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.
- You will wash your hands or use hand sanitizer when needed...

Precautions Highland will be taking in our gathering:

- Highland will be using the [NC DHHS Interim Guidance for Places of Worship](#) as reference for our in person gatherings.
- Facemasks are strongly recommended while entering and walking around our space if you are unable to remain 6 feet apart (We have facemasks available if you need one).
- We recommend practicing social distancing during gatherings, especially in pre-gathering times, communion, and exiting. Persons from the same household do not need to practice social distancing...
 - 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...
- 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.
- There will be NO self-serving food or drink stations. When we have available volunteers, coffee and 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...
- There will be no shared food (Individually packaged gold-fish and small bottles of water will be available for children & adults).

- 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 round tables set up for family units to sit at, if desired. Sections of chairs will be set up at least 6 feet apart to accommodate groups. Individual chairs will be available to place where you feel you are socially distanced.
- 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. Kids craft boxes for the month are available upon request if you will be joining us online.
- 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.
- 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 a cry-room available with a TV for viewing our gathering for families with little ones. Please practice distancing while in the cry-room.
- 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.