

The metrics related to COVID-19 have been decreasing in SC for at least two weeks which meet the criteria to proceed to STEP 2 of the Guide for Reopening First Presbyterian Church. Accordingly, the following motion is proposed: **THAT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMPUS WILL PARTIALLY REOPEN FOR CHURCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES, BUT, REMAIN CLOSED TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS AS FOLLOWS:**

- Beginning September 1, church staff will return to work on campus and normal facility hours of operation will resume. Church staff will follow the “FPC Daily Operations for Employees” and members and visitors will follow “Protocol for Members/Visitors During the Week”.
- The Learning Hub will open on Tuesday, September 8, per the motion and rationale approved by Session on August 14, 2020.
- Some church ministries/activities may return to the church campus as of September 14 in accordance with Step 2 of the “Guide”. Ministries/activities (e.g., small groups, committees, classes) must meet the following criteria to be scheduled: the number of participants must fit within available rooms/spaces with social distancing, wearing masks and allowing sanitation between usage. Those that do not meet the criteria or cannot be accommodated in our schedule may continue meeting via Zoom.
- Joyful Worship may be held in the sanctuary beginning Sunday, October 4, via live-stream, allowing members to worship in person or at home. Those attending in-person worship must follow the “Protocol for the Congregation”.
- Memorial services, committals, weddings and baptisms will be permitted at the pastors’ discretion.
- All use of the church facilities by outside organizations remains suspended at least through October 31.
- The pastors, Executive Assistant to the Senior Pastor, Church Administrator, and Clerk of Session will review the situation and report any changes or recommendations to the Session for approval, particularly if the metrics require returning to Step 1.

We have leaned on God’s everlasting arms in this pandemic, and we continue to pray for one another, our community, and our world, especially for leaders, governments, first responders, health care workers, grocery store and other front-line workers, the unemployed, and others most affected by it. We have seen the risen Lord in this crisis, and as the Spirit leads, we will continue to witness to his presence in our words and by our actions.

With Session approval of this motion, FPC will follow the “Guide for Reopening First Presbyterian Church”.