



Worship Guidelines

Revised May 2021

These guidelines depict our best effort to make the experience safe and meaningful for all. We will evaluate whether to continue these options on a weekly basis, depending on how well we follow these guidelines and on how well the community is doing with the virus.

Note: These guidelines apply to both downtown and west campus. Details specific to one location are indicated by DT for downtown and WC for west campus.

Beginning in May, pre-registration will no longer be required. We will still monitor and limit attendance to approximately 100 persons per service, not including worship team and service staff.

THINGS WILL LOOK AND FEEL DIFFERENT

- Everyone, including leaders, will wear a face mask. For children age 5 and under, masks are highly recommended. Pastors and other worship leaders may remove masks while preaching or speaking at distance of 12' from congregation.
- Seating will be arranged to maintain appropriate distancing between groups/households. At WC, white plastic folding chairs will be set in groupings for pods. At DT, signs on pews will show where groups may sit.
- There will be no bulletins, coffee service, food, or water fountain available.
- Congregational singing will not yet occur; we will continue to be brought closer to God through music provided by others.
- Sacraments of communion and baptism may occur with proper safety protocols.
- Children are welcome in worship as well as in-person Sunday school at both WC and DT. When on campus, please keep your children with you at all times. The nursery will remain closed for now.
- Adult Sunday school classes are welcome to meet in person according to the small group guidelines (available on website); please schedule your group through the church office.
- One entrance will be open at each location: main door from parking lot at WC and Vermont Street entrance at DT.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE

- Remember to bring your mask(s) and key card(s). If you have not received or have misplaced your key card, contact the church office (office@fumclawrence.org or 785-841-7500).
- If you have a cough, fever, or other symptoms, or if you have been around someone who is experiencing symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19, please stay home and continue to worship online.
- Talk to your children about the different experience and the safety protocols.
- The campus will open approximately 30 minutes prior to the worship time to allow for parking and check-in.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS

- Follow directions of greeters, ushers, attendants, and signage.
- Greeters will scan your key card(s) at designated entry stations. First Church friends or first-time guests without a key-card will need to provide check-in information at the station.





- Please keep your group together and maintain appropriate social distancing from other groups in all places, including parking lot, sidewalks, and building. We know that you have missed your church family, so greet them with a handwave rather than a hug or handshake.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available. Please use them frequently.

AS YOU LEAVE THE SERVICE

- Please maintain appropriate distancing.
- Drop your offering in the collection basket, or continue to give online, by automatic withdrawal or through the church office.
- Take everything that you brought with you; deposit trash in the cans.

CLEANLINESS SAFEGUARDS

- Before you arrive and after you leave, everything will be cleaned and sanitized.
- During the experience, attendants will continue to clean and sanitize, as necessary.

HEARING ASSISTANCE (DT)

- A hearing loop is now available for those who have hearing aids with a T-coil setting.
 - Before arriving, please check with your provider to make sure that the T-coil portion of your device is activated and that you know how to turn it on and off.
 - After arriving, turn on your device to experience everything that goes through the sound system directly sent to your hearing aid.
- Headsets that are tuned directly into the sound system are available for those who experience hearing loss but do not have hearing aids; check with a greeter or usher for these devices.

