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*“Servants of  
Jesus Christ—  
Ministering  
To One Another,  
To Our Community,  
And To Our World.”*

Dear Friends in Christ,

June 18, 2020

We are excited about starting to Worship Together again at church. **Our first Sunday back will be Sunday, June 28.** We are going to have two worship services that are the same, with both traditional and contemporary music and songs, just like the Online Video Worship services we have experienced the past three months. We are keeping the services the same because of the limited seating in order to have proper social distance and be safe together. **You must make reservations** with the church office.

You can see both the enclosed **Guidelines for Worship** and the **Seating Chart** as well. We can only seat 50 individuals at a service if all 50 people must keep a social distance of six feet from each other. If families and couples come who are able to sit together then we can accommodate more people at the service. We want to **start carefully** and add more things as we move forward when it is safe to do so. We won't be able to sing or read responsive readings out loud at first in order to be safe. We will not have the Nursery or Preschool areas open or have coffee fellowship. We will simply worship and go home our first few weeks.

**We will keep doing Online Video Worship Services even as we start back to live worship.** We have members who are unable to come or who are not ready to come back to live worship this soon, so we want to provide an option for worship online going forward.

Please review the **Guidelines for Worship** and the **Seating Chart** before coming to church so you are familiar with what we will be doing to start live worship again. **You must wear a mask** at all times when you come back into the church. Please **enter only through the back parking lot door** by the ramp. We will be open at 8:30 a.m. Ushers will seat you.

**Please do not come to church sick** or with a fever or any of the symptoms of COVID-19. We are all familiar with going to the doctor or dentist and the questions we are asked before we can enter. Please do the same for church; see the enclosed **self-screening questionnaire**.

Our custodians, office staff, and staff are coming into the building more often as we get ready to open. **The Office is still open** for Communications, Website, E-mail, etc. as the staff is working both remotely and in the office.

Thank you very much for your generosity and gracious support of First Pres over these past three months. We've enclosed a few envelopes for you to use to mail in **offerings** during this time. You can also access **online giving** through the website: [www.firstpresjoliet.org](http://www.firstpresjoliet.org). Look for the "Give" menu tab at the top. For the electronic giving option, call Tracy Norris, our church treasurer, to sign up.

May the Lord grant you strength, peace, love and hope each and every day.

Craig and Bo and the Session

## **Reopening for Worship Guidelines**

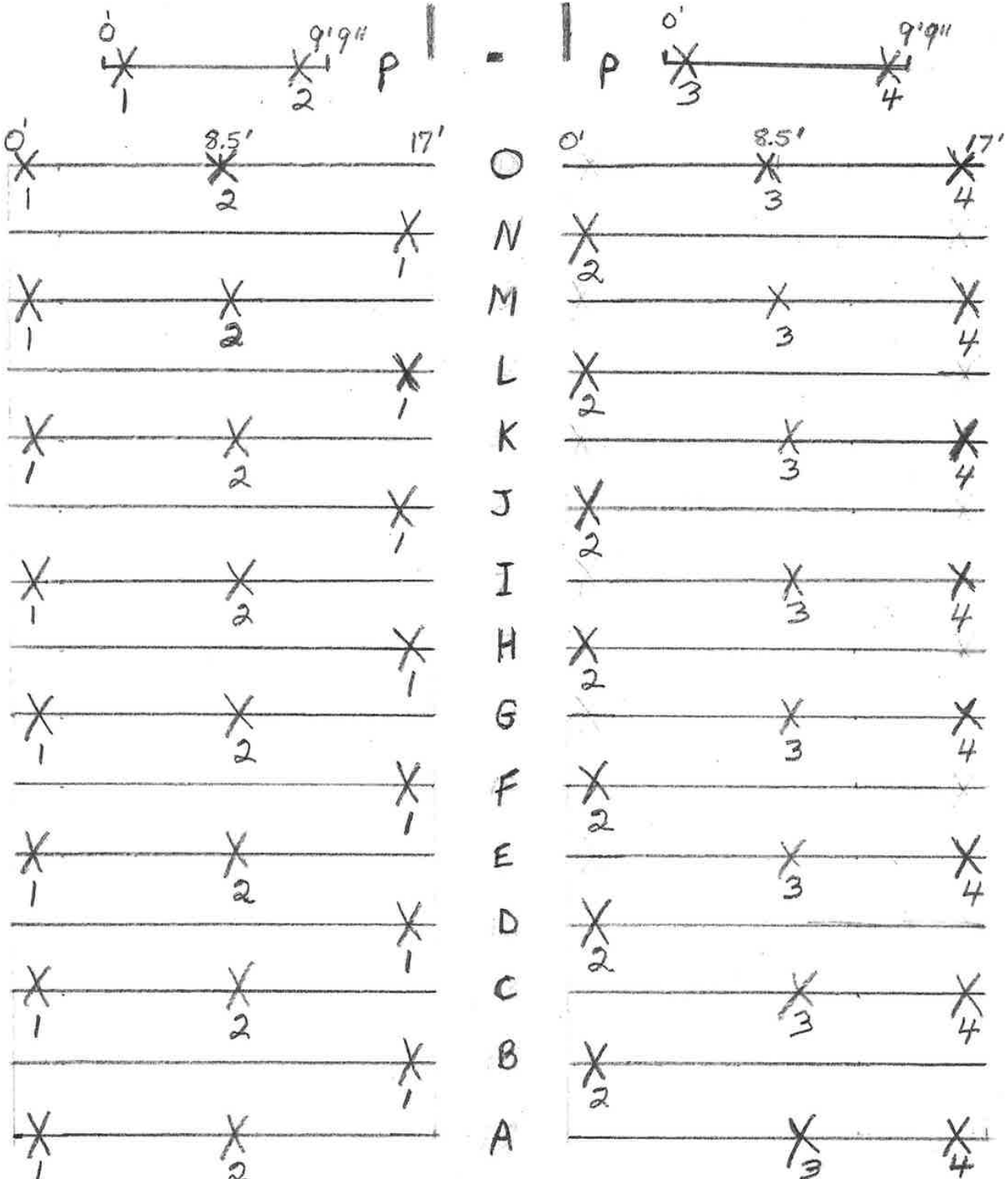
- \*We Worship Together at Church Again on Sunday, June 28** for both a 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Both worship services will be the same, blended in music, similar to our Online Video Worship services.
- \*Please Make Reservations** to come by Friday at Noon each week by email or phone. Please include **which Worship Service** you are attending and **how many are coming**. The office will confirm your reservation.  
Please enter the church using the back entrance by the ramp. We will be open at 8:30 a.m.  
See the enclosed Seating Chart. You will notice that we can have somewhere between 50-70 people worship. Once you enter the Narthex/Lobby area, Ushers will seat you in the pews.
- \*Masks must be worn** at all times or you will be asked to leave. Six feet social distancing must be observed entering, leaving, and during worship.  
Hands must be cleaned either at entry stations or by going into the bathrooms when you enter.  
The bathrooms are limited to only three people at any one time.
- \*We will not be able to sing out loud** or to do responsive readings out loud as we normally do, in order to be safe. We will not have the Nursery or Preschool areas open, and there will not be Children's Worship. We won't have coffee fellowship the first two weeks back. We will simply worship together and then go home.
- \*For the Offering** there will be plastic containers in the Narthex/Lobby area to place your offering as you come or leave the Sanctuary/Worship Center. We will not pass offering plates.
- \*Exiting the Sanctuary/Worship Center will be staggered** similar to when you leave a wedding in order to keep 6 feet social distancing. You are asked to have conversations and fellowship outside the church building.
- \*Bulletins will not be used** when we first come back as we will use the video screens.
- \*We will continue to have our Online Video Worship Services** available on YouTube and Facebook as we have been doing for those who do not attend live worship.
- \*We plan to start Coffee Fellowship again on Sunday, July 12**, our third Sunday back.

## **Self-Screening Questionnaire**

If you can answer “yes” to any of the following questions you should NOT come to church:

- Have you had a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit or have you used a fever reducer in the previous 24 hours to treat a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
- Do you have a new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have a new or worsening sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have new shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Have you recently developed a complete loss of smell or taste?
- Do you have pain or tightness in your chest or flu-like symptoms?
- Do you have muscle pain (unrelated to exercise)?

Narthex



36 = 18 rows of 2  
 14 = 14 rows of 1  
 50 Total Individuals

With Families you could add  
 2-3 more people to the pews in  
 A, C, E, G, I, K, M, O, P between  
 #'s 1-2 and 3-4

