

## **Guidelines for Opening TPC Church for Worship During COVID-19**

### **Preamble:**

This notice from Session sets out the current plan and the necessary steps for TPC to begin holding indoor in-person services in a manner that will help protect worshippers' health.

These instructions are compliant with Public Health guidelines and are subject to change as guidelines evolve.

### **What we can and will do:**

- 1) A recorded service will be made available for those who are unable to attend.
- 2) Maintain social distancing inside and outside the church. (This will limit attendance to 66).
- 3) Only the sanctuary will be available to attendees.
- 4) Entrance doors will be open, weather permitting.
- 5) Entrance to the building is by the front door only. In an emergency, all exits from the sanctuary and building will be available.
- 6) Worship services will be approximately 40 minutes in length to minimize exposure time.
- 7) Hand sanitizer is provided for use upon entry to the building.
- 8) Should the need arise, only the Nursery washroom will be available. Please limit the use of the washroom.

### **Rules for all people entering the church facility:**

- 1) You must wear a face mask while inside the building. Please provide your own face mask if possible. If needed, TPC has a limited mask supply.
- 2) When you arrive, a screener will ask Covid-19 screening questions and confirm contact information before an usher seats you for the service.
- 3) Families are to sit together as a family unit. There will be no designated children's play space.
- 4) Seating is marked to maintain social distancing.
- 5) Offering location will be at the sanctuary entrance and can be used either as you enter or leave.
- 6) No Church Bulletin will be printed or handed out.
- 7) There will be no bibles, hymn books, pencils or papers in the pews.
- 8) The music program will be limited as per Public Health guidelines. There will be no congregational singing.

### **What we can't and won't do:**

- 1) Hugs and handshakes are not permitted.
- 2) No congregational singing at this time.
- 3) No nursery or children's church ministries at this time.