



Phase 3 Protocols

The Trustees and I recently decided to relax our church's COVID-related protocols and move into a Phase 3 *beginning Palm Sunday, March 28th*. To be certain, we will remain committed to **wearing masks and socially distancing** for the foreseeable future. However, we are trying to restore some feelings of "back to normal" as we proceed with caution. The two primary reasons for our actions are the CDC findings that the virus does not spread by touch, and increased vaccinations. Here are the ways we are relaxing our protocols while maintaining masks and distancing:

- Groups may fill up to 50% of any given room.
- Multiple groups may meet in the same building at the same time.
- Groups may serve beverages and snacks (be cautious with your distribution).
- Groups may offer an opportunity for mingling, but only after a formal dismissal which allows those who are not comfortable with closer contact to first exit the room.
- The choir may return, and will be positioned in a single row. They will rehearse in the sanctuary, not the choir room.
- The hymnals, Bibles, envelopes and pencils will be returned to the sanctuary pew racks.
- The altar rail will be reopened for prayer and communion during services.
- We may host outside groups and will require them to follow our guidelines.

While social distancing remains the precautionary standard we must patiently refrain from fellowship meals, interactive games, and congested gatherings

With the Lord's wisdom and love,

Rev. Jeff Garrett, Lead Pastor