

## Re-Opening Information for Worshippers at Epworth United Church, Kingsville, Ontario

Please read carefully before attending worship.

Worship at Epworth United Church will happen in accordance with all provincial and municipal guidelines and best practices. We will be reopening in a number of stages with the goal of returning to some semblance of normalcy as the situation allows. At each stage, we will provide updates on protocols and safety measures as we come together to honour and glorify God.

Everyone must make their own decision about whether or not to attend the Worship Service held at the church. Those who are in high risk groups may want to delay their return until a later time.

During the first stage of returning to church, the following guidelines will be followed:

**Time:** Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. Worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please allow time for screening prior to the beginning of the service. Also, please note that there will be no entry once worship begins.

**Entrance:** All worshippers will enter at the Office/Ramp Door. There are footsteps in place to help maintain the 2 metres of distance between people. Please wait outside the door until the Door Monitor indicates that you may enter.

**Inclement Weather:** Please remain in your vehicle until an attendant indicates that it is safe to enter the building.

**Santizer:** Hand Sanitizer will be available for your use upon entering and exiting the building, and is placed at various locations in the building.

**Screening:** Every person entering the church building must be screened. Those who are unable to pass the screening process will not be able to enter the building.

Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Pre-Screening Forms are available on the Church Website ([www.epworthkingsville.com](http://www.epworthkingsville.com)) which can be completed before coming to church.

**Masks:** Masks must be worn at all times while in the building, the only exception being children under the age of 4. This is in accordance with Ministry of Health

**Guidelines and best practices to limit the spread of COVID-19 during gatherings:** People are encouraged to bring their own masks. If you do not have one, cloth masks will be available at the door.

A donation box will be available for anyone who wishes to use it. Everyone is requested to take all used masks home after worship.

**Seating:** When entering the Sanctuary, an Usher will lead you to the next available seat. Ministry guidelines limit the seating to 25% of normal capacity, therefore some rows of pews cannot be used. There is room for 75 worshippers. Once seated, please don't move to another spot or linger in the aisles.

**Children:** Children must remain with the people who brought them. No Nursery or Sunday School Programmes are available at this time. Activity packages will be available at the Choir Door entrance to the Sanctuary.

**Washrooms:** Washroom facilities are available, however, only one (1) person may enter the room at a time.

**Singing:** Best practice guidelines discourage congregational and choral singing. Music will still be part of our worship service.

**Communion:** At this time, Communion will not be received.

**Offering:** The Offering Plates will not be passed. Offering Plates will be available at the Screening Tables and Exit Doors. You may also contribute through PAR. If you are interested in using PAR, please contact Adele Sims at 519-733-4975 or email her at [asims888@hotmail.com](mailto:asims888@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Leaving:** Worshippers will exit through the Narthex. Please remain seated until the Ushers indicate that you may leave. Individuals, who need to exit by way of the Ramp Door, please wait in your seat until an usher indicates that it is safe to do so. At the conclusion of the service, please leave the Narthex and church property promptly

without socializing. There will be no Coffee Time following the service.

**Online Service:** A video link of the Sunday Service will be available through the Church Website ([www.epworthkingsville.com](http://www.epworthkingsville.com)) each week by 3:00p.m. Sunday afternoon.

This will be a new experience of worship for all of us. As we proceed, we may need to make changes to improve the process and practices. We ask for your patience as we work through this together.