

**Frequently Asked Questions:
Reopening St. Giles Presbyterian Church – UPDATE October 5, 2020
12/09/20**

1. When will the church reopen for worship?

On September 20, 2020 we reopened the church for in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM. We have worked hard to reopen safely and continue to reevaluate weekly what means are necessary to continue to worship together in the safest way possible. *The church office remains closed to ‘drop in’ visitors during the week. Please call ahead if you plan to stop by.*

A. What About Christmas EVE?

We *will* have a Christmas Eve worship service with a few modifications in order to continue remaining socially distanced. We will have *one service* at 7:00PM and *reservations* will be required. You can make a reservation on our website – www.stgilefl.org We will also Live Stream this service on our Website and Facebook page, as well as offer Drive In Church. Masks will be required at our Christmas Eve service.

B. What about Scottish Heritage Sunday (usually in February)?

As we approach 2021, Scottish Heritage Sunday is on our radar and we will work closely with the St. Andrews Society to plan this well-loved tradition. As of right now we do not know whether it will go on as scheduled in February. We will update you as we have information.

2. Is there a health screening upon arrival at church on Sunday mornings?

The answer is YES. It is important that we take every reasonable precaution to protect the health and well-being of our church family.

Each person that enters the church will see signs asking:

- Do you have a fever or are you feeling sick?
- Have you or anyone in your household been diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past two weeks?
- Do you or does anyone in your home have flu-like symptoms?

If the answer to any of these questions is "yes" corporate worship is not the best option at this time. If the answer to all the questions is "no", then you may proceed into worship.

A temperature check, this is simple and touchless. If the reading is 100 degrees or higher, you will be asked to refrain from corporate worship. You will also be asked to sign in with your name in phone number in case contact tracing is necessary.

Masks ARE required, with no exceptions. We will encourage you to bring and wear your own favorite if you have one. If you do not have a mask, one will be made available.

3. When I come to worship, what should I expect?

We continue to observe social distancing during worship services. We ask that you sit in a pew marked with green tape, wear a mask, and refrain from socializing indoors. We know it is difficult to hold back greeting each other and having friendly chats but at this time we ask that you please go outside for these interactions.

4. Will there be changes to the worship services?

Most of what you have come to love about the worship service you attend are still in place if social distancing can be maintained. After several months of in-person worship we have made the following minor changes to our Sunday morning routine:

- Please do not congregate in the Narthex prior to, during the service, or after the service.
- Pastors will exit the building and greet you outside as you leave.

5. What if I need to use the restrooms?

There will only be one set of restrooms open: the ones in the narthex. There will be no access to the rest of the campus beyond the sanctuary.

6. Will all the services on Sunday still be held like before?

No. The 8:30 service has been suspended until further notice.

7. What about Sunday School?

Sunday School classes are beginning to reconvene. Right now, we are offering one adult class at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall led by Carter Cheatum. You may contact Carter or the church office for more information. We hope Sunday School for children of all ages will resume sometime in the New Year.

A. What about LOGOS?

Plans to reconvene LOGOS in the New Year are underway. We will keep you updated on what to expect and when.

8. When will Fellowship after church and other activities return?

There will be no after Worship Fellowship or activities for the remainder of the year. As the numbers continue to go down we are hopeful Fellowship and other activities will return, possibly at the beginning of the year.

9. What is Drive-In Church?

Drive-In Church is simply another option to experience Worship. We simulcast the Live Stream service through an FM transmitter. If you decide to come to Drive-In Church - ***Follow the signs***. We will direct you ***where*** to park so that you can listen to the service on your vehicle's radio.

The buildings are still off limits; however, we can allow use of the restrooms if needed. We have volunteers in lime green vests to direct where to park, provide you with a bulletin, and answer any questions.

10. When may I return to church in person after testing positive for Covid-19?

Because most of our congregation is in the high-risk group, we must be extra cautious to protect everyone's safety. You may return to church in person after you are:

1. Asymptomatic for at least 10 days,
2. **AND** following a quarantine of at least 14 days,
3. **AND** have a negative test result (after 14 days of quarantine).

Until then you are welcome to worship with us online or from your car. FYI: testing is still done at CVS and Care Spot.

If you test positive after attending worship with us please contact the church office as soon as possible.

11. How much longer will masks and social distancing be required?

Masks and social distancing will continue to be required as long as it is recommended by the Health Department and the CDC. We are checking with these two organizations daily to make sure we are up to date on the best practices for remaining safe and healthy.