

CHURCH OF THE LEGACY

A Letter of

Introduction

From Rev. Nancy

The Church of the Legacy, along with other churches and businesses, have over the past several months watched closely the guidelines issued from federal, state and local agencies. This has resulted in complete cancellation of our in-person gatherings, which are core to what we do together as a church family, and we have moved strictly to online services.

With varying directives coming from various agencies, we have outlined our plan for reopening below. We have taken into consideration the updated status of “houses of worship” being now “essential”; guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, best practices for church safety, various local health bulletins, as well as recommended guidelines, as well as referenced protocols from other churches in Massachusetts. We are seeking not only to heed the recommended guidelines, but to go an additional step beyond in our own reopening protocol. We are a church, and we desire everything we do to be implemented with excellence.

Our plans for reopening the Church of the Legacy are laid out in four phases. Moving from one phase to the next will depend largely on the guidelines issued from local health and government agencies. Because these guidelines are continually changing, we will keep you informed about when we will transition to the next phase.

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We wholeheartedly believe church is essential. Let us work together to make the reopening of the Church of the Legacy happen for the glory of God.

Rev. Nancy McMillan

Pastor

*Our
Preparation*

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PREPARATION

FACILITIES

We have made very careful preparation to ensure that we are reopening The Church of the Legacy in a safe and responsible way. In order to safely reopen, we have taken many precautions. Here are a few:

- Infrared contactless thermometers at the entrance
- Masks available to those who did not bring one
- Gloves available, however optional
- Hand sanitizing stations positioned throughout the church
- Our offering will be a box at the entrance of the church instead of a passed plate. You may also make our offerings via our giving site or through the church app.
- Restrooms will be closed except for emergencies. They will be cleaned and disinfected before, during and after each service
- Chairs, door handles and other high touch areas will be disinfected before and after each service.
- The main church entryway will serve as our entrance. The side door will serve as our exit. Our ushers will assist in facilitating the entrance and exit flow.

REOPENING SUPPORT TEAMS

Our reopening teams will be thoroughly prepared in the Church of the Legacy's reopening protocol. They will be wearing masks and gloves, and maintaining proper social distancing. You can spot them by their lanyard.

*Basic
Protocol*

BASIC PROTOCOL

While the four phases outlined will contain various details, please note that the following protocol will be implemented in all four phases.

The protocol may not be mentioned in an itemized fashion specifically in each phase, but instead will be listed as “basic protocol will be in place:

This basic protocol includes:

- Please wear a mask in order to enter the church (ages 5 and up)
- Please stay six feet from other church family members
- Please do not shake hands or hug others
- Please do not come to church if you are sick or have been around others that have been sick recently.
 - These symptoms include but are not limited to:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

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- Please consider the risk if you fit into one of the “at-risk” groups
- Please sit together in the service as a family. For the safety and respect of others, please keep your children with you at all times.
- Please sanitize your hands often
- Upon arriving at church, you will have your temperature checked via an infrared contact-less thermometer
- All the church doors that will be used will remain open so that you do not have to touch the door handles. We will have designated entry and exit doors to ensure social distancing.

Phase

One

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PHASE ONE

Date: July 5, 2020

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Church

NOTE; OUR BASIC PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE

SERVICE INFORMATION

Please be certain to pre-register for the service. We will have limited capacity. We will plan an additional service if needed.

We will enter the church through the normal entrance, and exit through the side door on stage right. Our ushers will assist in facilitating the entering and exiting of the building.

Everyone will be seated 6 feet apart, assisted by our ushers.

The restrooms will be closed except for emergencies.

An offering box will be placed at the exit to give the church family an opportunity to give; we will not pass an offering plate during the service. You may also give online through our giving portal or text your offering.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

During Phase One, we will not have Legacy kids, junior church or nursery. Please plan accordingly.

Phase

Two

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PHASE TWO

Date: TBD

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Church

NOTE; OUR BASIC PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE

SERVICE INFORMATION

Please be certain to pre-register for the service. We will have limited capacity. We will plan an additional service if needed.

We will enter the church through the normal entrance, and exit through the side door on stage right. Our ushers will assist in facilitating the entering and exiting of the building.

Everyone will be seated 6 feet apart, assisted by our ushers.

The restrooms will be closed except for emergencies.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

During Phase Two, junior church will open for ages 6 and under. Junior church will be held outdoors in small groups. Games will be played in the field.

Phase
Three

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PHASE THREE

Date: TBD

Time: 9:00 am

10:45 am Legacy Kids

Location: Church

NOTE; OUR BASIC PROTOCOL WILL BE IN PLACE

SERVICE INFORMATION

Please be certain to pre-register for the service. We will have limited capacity. We will plan an additional service if needed.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Junior Church will return to the normal age limit of 3 years old to 3rd grade. They will be divided into small groups and will be held outside. Legacy kids will resume at 10:45 with social distancing.

Phase
Four

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PHASE FOUR

Date: TBD

Time: 9:00 am

10:45 am Legacy Kids

Location: Church

SERVICE INFORMATION

Please be certain to pre-register for the service. We will have limited capacity. We will plan an additional service if needed.

Our basic protocol will remain in place, however, changes may be implemented depending on county ordinances (e.g. wearing masks, temperature checks, social distancing). We will be certain to adhere with all governmental direction in order to keep us healthy during this phase.

During phase four, those at high risk may attend with medical advisement

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our childcare ministry will return to normal, with the maintaining of social distancing as best as possible. Junior church will return to indoors, but remain in small groups.

*Our
At-Risk
Groups*

OUR **AT-RISK** GROUPS

COVID-19 has reminded us of the vulnerability of our health.

While we seek to find responsible ways for us to meet and gather again, it is important to remember our at-risk groups.

These are as defined by the CDC:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
- People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
- People who have serious heart conditions
- People who are immunocompromised.
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications.
- People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- People with diabetes
- People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
- People with liver disease.

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Your health and safety is our top priority in and around the church property. Though we will not turn anybody away, we sincerely are concerned for everyone's health and safety, and would not want to put you in danger.

We respectfully request (for everyone's protection), that our at-risk church family members stay home and worship via livestream during phases 1&2 of our reopening plan.

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