



Thornbury, Ontario  
**Grace United Church**  
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### Procedures for Returning to In-person Worship

Grace United Church is preparing to open for in person worship services in the sanctuary.

Each person who wishes to attend is asked to follow these procedures.

- All persons must **PRE-REGISTER** by Thursday at 6 p.m. if they wish to attend the service on Sunday.
- **Registration** will be either by email at [gucsignup@gmail.com](mailto:gucsignup@gmail.com) or contact the minister at 416-578-4551.
- Registration will include **all** persons in the family who will be attending and the contact telephone number for each. Please indicate if you will require the lift.
- On Friday, you will be contacted and given an arrival time of: **10:10 a.m., 10:18 a.m., or 10:25 a.m.** If for some reason, you are not contacted on Friday, please check that your message has been received.
- A master contact list will be developed for use at the service.
- Maximum attendance at this time is 35 people. If you register and your plans change, please inform us so that someone else may attend.

On Sunday morning, all persons attending the worship service are asked to follow these procedures.

- Before leaving home conduct self screening. If you have any of the following symptoms please do not come to the service: fever/chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, breathing issues, unusual headache, or feeling unwell. If you have come in contact with a positive case of COVID-19, or travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, please do not register for attendance at the service until the quarantine period has elapsed.

### Upon **arrival at the church** -

- Wear a mask which covers the mouth and nose at all times.
- Enter by the **front** door of the building at the assigned time.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 metres from others not in your household.
- Check in with the greeter who will check off each person from the master list of attendees.
- Sanitize hands upon entry.
- The lift will be available if required.
- If you are wearing a coat or jacket, please take it to your seat with you. No hangers are available for use.
- All persons will be directed to their seats in the sanctuary by one of the two available ushers. The seats will be filled in designated areas from front to back. **Please be understanding if you are not seated in the place where you are accustomed to sitting.**
- Everyone will remain seated during the time in the sanctuary. Even though you will see your church family friends, please refrain from visiting with them.
- Persons may respond quietly to responses during the service but singing will not happen at this time.
- Even though monetary contributions can continue to be made as has occurred during the pandemic, if someone wishes to make a contribution at the church, it may be done by placing it in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.
- At the conclusion of the service, please take all belongings, bulletins and any garbage with you.
- The ushers will direct people to exit the sanctuary at the conclusion of the service. This will be done from back to front of the sanctuary.
- Attendees are asked to leave the building without congregating in the sanctuary or the entrance.
- Masks may be removed after leaving church property.

All who attend are **excited to worship** in the sanctuary again. We want this beautiful space to be a **safe environment** for everyone as we all accept responsibility to follow the proper protocols. These procedures have been established following the Provincial and local Health Unit mandates and we ask that you please follow them.

Thank You.