

Bradenton Christian Reformed Church  
July 17, 2020

Dear Congregation,

We anticipate re-opening the sanctuary for worship on July 26 for those members who have a desire to return to in-person worship together as a church family.

Until that time, BCRC is allowing those who choose to attend, to sit in the sanctuary during our livestreamed services, adhering to social distancing guidelines. We recognize that not everyone is ready to return to "in-person" worship. Each person and family must decide their own health and personal risk tolerance to be in public places and activities. If you have any reason to believe you or a family member has been exposed to the virus, please stay home. Participation through "on-line worship," continues to be an excellent option during this pandemic particularly for those who have had exposure to or are vulnerable and at high risk for infection.

Those who wish to attend the services will find the following changes that we have made to provide for a safer environment. Please remember to distance yourselves as you leave your cars and approach the church entrances and also as you exit by not congregating near the doors.

- ***Masks are strongly encouraged.*** Masks are available, if you do not have your own.
- Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter.
- Adhere to recommended social distancing guidelines.
- Ushers will direct you to seats, marked off for distancing.
- Bring your own Bibles, pens and paper if you wish to take notes.
- Bulletins will be placed on the pews.
- Ushers will assist attendees with new exit procedures.
- Use restrooms in the sanctuary only in case of emergency.
- Collection boxes are available on the wall in the narthex (where the bulletins used to be). You may place your contribution in the boxes as the offering plates will not be passed.

Please take note that included in our "in-person" worship is corporate singing. If you feel uncomfortable with that aspect of worship, please continue to livestream the service from home.

Children's Worship will remain online through July 26. The Family Life Center will be closed. Nursery will not be available.

Please pray with us for a safe and wise reunion of worshipping in the coming weeks. Let us remember the words from Psalm 91:1-2:

"He who dwells in the shelter of the most high will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust."

Yours in Christ,

BCRC Council/Worship Committee