

Worshipping Together in Person: What to Expect

September 3, 2021

Beginning on September 5, we will hold two Sunday services (9 a.m. and 11 a.m.) in the church building. The 11 a.m. service will also be livestreamed for participation from home. Details for the upcoming Sunday service (i.e., rsvp and building screening, or livestream link) will be available in Pastor Kerry's Friday letter.

In Step Three in Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen, indoor and outdoor religious services are permitted "with capacity limited to permit physical distancing of 2 metres." For the sanctuary (2400 sq ft), the capacity will be 66 people (plus up to 9 people in the front area of the church). The basement (1100 sq ft) has capacity for 30 people participating in children's ministries. Weekday gatherings of other ministries will have a capacity limit of 25 as per "social gathering[s] associated with a...religious service."

Sunday Services, Registration and Screening

1. Everyone who plans to attend an in-person service in the sanctuary and/or children's ministry will RSVP in advance of the service, preferably on Friday via links in Pastor Kerry's letter. If you or your child(ren) are participating in the upstairs worship gathering and downstairs children's ministry, you will RSVP to two different 'events.'
2. On the day of the service, please go directly to www.sunnysidechurch.ca and click on Building Screening to fill out the form. If you answer 'yes' to any screening questions, please remain at home.
3. Masks must be worn in the building. You may find further information and read about [exemptions](#).
"Please note – No person should be:
 - Required to provide proof of exemption or
 - Turned away from indoor public spaces, enclosed common areas or designated outdoor spaces if unable to wear a mask"
4. Windows and doors will be cracked open to enhance ventilation.
5. Use sanitizing stations when entering, and when exiting.
6. Maintain physical distance between households or groups of friends who share life together.
7. As you enter the sanctuary, you will notice that some of the pews are marked for sitting and others are marked as not available. Please sit at one end of the pew or the other.
8. Bring your own Bible, pen and or notebook. There will be no Bibles or hymn books in the pews. There will be pens and offering envelopes.

Singing, Reading, Speaking

9. Once sitting or standing in place, members of the congregation may sing while wearing masks. Once in place on the platform, the worship leader, singers, pastors, and readers may remove their masks to sing, speak or read, after which they will replace their masks. Microphones will be used to amplify sound.

Communion

10. During services when we participate in the sacrament of Communion, there will be hand sanitizer available in the pews and at the front of the church. Gloves will be worn to distribute the elements.

Giving

11. Please continue to give online at [www.sunnysidechurch.ca>Giving](http://www.sunnysidechurch.ca/Giving). If preferred, you may place an offering envelope in the Communication Box in the foyer.

Children and Sunday School

12. Children will remain with their parents in the church building before and during the service up to their exit from the sanctuary before the sermon. Sunday School teachers will walk with the children downstairs when they are dismissed from the service. The nursery (above the sanctuary) is open, but toys are unavailable.
13. Sunday School age children will wear masks, bring their own snack (or be given a pre-packaged one) and be encouraged to wash/sanitize hands and maintain physical distance while in Sunday School downstairs. The comments about masks in #3 above apply here as well.
14. After the service ends, please proceed directly to pick up children, if applicable, and/or proceed directly outdoors to visit with one another.