

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Radford! You may be wondering, what does worship look like right now during the pandemic? Currently, we are worshipping outdoors in our parking lot (weather permitting) at 10am. If you would like to join us, remember to:

- Wear a mask
- Bring a lawn chair
- Bring and/or wear sun protection (just in case!)
- Bring a printout of the bulletin, which you can download here on our website

Note that we are not singing at this time, and we practice physical distancing. We are also asking folks to park on the street if possible. If your mobility is limited, feel free to park on the north or west side of the parking lot, which are most easily accessible from the lot entrance on 3rd St. If carrying a lawn chair is difficult for you, we will happily provide a folding chair!

We make weather decisions about worship on Friday, and post whether or not we will be meeting in-person on our [Facebook page](#). When we aren't able to worship in-person, a video of our service goes live on Facebook at 10am, with the bulletin and sermon posted here on our website.

If you aren't able to come to our outdoor services but still want to participate, we record and upload the service to our Facebook page, usually by Sunday afternoon.

As the fall progresses, we will make further adjustments to how we worship together as we strive to keep one another and our wider community as healthy as possible during this pandemic.

For a more detailed description of our timeline for resuming in-person indoor worship, and for our policy on building use by outside groups, see below.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kelsey and Pastor Peter

Our COVID-19 Administrative Commission has adopted the following provisional timeline from our denomination (the PC(USA)) for returning to in-person indoor worship:

Provisional Timeline: Contingent on Local Conditions and Latest Developments

Stage One

- Evaluate risks of inviting congregation to in-person gatherings.
- If risk is present, restrict church activities to ten persons or fewer.
- Continue online worship (if applicable) with leaders at church.
- Procure or ask members to procure personal protection equipment (PPE), which may be needed for in-person ministries and missions, such as cloth masks, inserts for masks, face shields, and gloves.
- Consider small group procedures for ruling elder ordinations, baptisms, funerals, and weddings; see below.

Stage Two: Only if the risk of community transmission of virus is low or a cure or vaccine has been made available

- Church activities are restricted to fifty persons or fewer.
 - Institute increased sanitation/cleaning and hygiene measures at church.
 - Resume public worship with some members, under age 65, no underlying conditions or who do not have family members with underlying conditions at home.
 - Continue online worship (if applicable) for those who remain at home.
 - Consider other in-person leadership if leaders are over 65, have underlying conditions.
 - Maintain physical distancing in worship (at least six feet, excluding households).
 - Close common areas (fellowship halls, church offices, coffee spaces).
 - Refrain from communion, handshakes and hugs, passing plates, printed bulletins.
 - Require all persons engaging in worship, ministry, or mission in-person to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, face shields, and/or gloves.

Stage Three: Only if the underlying risks are significantly reduced or eliminated such as the development of a cure or an effective vaccine for the Coronavirus-19.

- Church activities are open to more than fifty persons.
- Maintain increased sanitation/cleaning and hygiene measures at church.
- Resume public worship with other members (insofar as they feel comfortable doing so).
- Continue online worship (if applicable) for homebound and hospitalized members.
- Resume communion, etc. with additional precautionary measures (see below).
- Physical distancing may be relaxed and masks may become optional in some places.
- Encourage members to continue practices of daily prayer at home.