



Growing Together as the Family of God

HICKORY UNITED EPC

A Congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

**Revised Worship Guidelines
January 20, 2021**

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Session and Pastor Dan strongly believe that corporate worship is vitally important to the spiritual health of our congregation. With the emerging science around the spread of Covid-19 and with the arrival of effective vaccines, we feel it is time to revise our worship guidelines. If you are feeling well, we feel that you can safely return to church. However, if you are experiencing 'flu-like' symptoms, please stay home and watch the worship service through the link on our church's Facebook/ website pages or on when it is aired on Hickory T.V. during the week.

If you are at high risk for complications of Covid-19, we want you to feel safe and protected at church and will provide you with your own, properly fitted N-95. These can be delivered to your home. Just call the church office. Should you have any specific concerns about reconnecting in the church, please call the church office and a member of our Health Advocates Team will be in touch.

Our Security Team will continue to greet each member and visitor to help educate everyone on the new guidelines.

The hand sanitizer station and the mask station will continue to be available. Masks are recommended while moving about the building. In addition, we encourage N-95 or KN-95 masks for protection of high-risk persons at their level of comfort. These are available without cost and can be delivered to your home. Should you have any questions about returning to services safely, please contact the church office. We will make every effort to make sure your concerns are addressed.

Greeting one another in Christ is encouraged with masks.

Handshakes and fist bumps are appropriate at your comfort level.

Self-serve bulletins will continue to be at the entrance to sanctuary.

The self-serve offering plate will continue to be available at the entrance to sanctuary.

It is safe to remove masks while in pew at your level of comfort.

We will continue seating every other pew till the vaccine rollout is complete.

After worship please self-exit the sanctuary and church with self-guided distancing.

The coffee and tea station will be open for self-service with social distancing and masks at your level of comfort. We would like to encourage socially distanced fellowship.

Masks for kids and youth will be at the discretion of their parents.

For communion, we will continue self-served, sealed cups.

Sunday school for all ages and fellowship events such as Upward and dinners will continue.

Please continue to pray for one another, for our community, for our country, and for those around the world who look to Jesus during this pandemic. *In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.*

Yours in Christ,

Session and Pastor Dan Clark