

## Worship Services

It is with great joy that we will be gathering together for worship beginning May 17th! GBC will have our worship service at 10:00 am in our new facility at 917 Washington. We will also be recording our weekend service and will post it on our website each week for those who are participating at home. At this point we will not have Kingdom Kids, Preschool, or Nursery services, but we plan to offer these opportunities as soon as it is appropriate.

In order to comply with our state and county recommendations, and to protect our neighbors and ourselves, it is extremely important that we operate under the following guidelines: The governor and the Yellowstone County Health Dept. are recommending that if you are over the age of 65 or have chronic health concerns that you stay home. We also ask that anyone with any symptoms of illness not attend worship services.

We will practice social distancing (6 feet) between members of different households at all times. We are encouraging, but not requiring, that attendees consider wearing facemasks while at GBC. Please bring your own facemasks for yourself and family members.

We ask that all attenders enter and exit from the main entrance on the west side of the building. We encourage everyone to frequently use the hand sanitizer provided throughout the building. We also ask that all attenders minimize the use of GBC's restrooms and use the restrooms at their homes if possible.

Ushers will seat attenders in the auditorium to maximize seating and ensure social distancing. Ushers will seat families in pre-designed groups of 2, 3, 4, and 5 members. Parents please be sure to keep your children with you at all times. It will be very helpful to contact GBC in advance of the service if you require seating arrangements outside of those described here.

The Pastors will greet the congregation from the front stage.

GBC provided Bibles will be removed during this time. We also will not be providing note paper or writing utensils. Because of this, please bring your personal Bible, writing tools and coloring books or other items for your children if you want them.

Gifts/Offerings will be collected in the back of the church using our offering boxes. (*Or choose to give online at [gbclaurel.com](http://gbclaurel.com) or through our phone app*).

No food, other than communion, coffee, and water, will be offered. Please refrain from using containers brought from home for drinking coffee and water. Cups will be provided and please use a new cup for each serving. We will modify our communion practices appropriately to lower the risk of spreading germs.

When possible (*weather permitting*) entry/exit doors will be propped open to increase ventilation and decrease personal contact. Ushers will dismiss attendees by family groups after the service. (*Visit with others once you are outdoors where the risk of transmission is substantially reduced*).

Seating capacity is limited so please RSVP by noon on Friday, May 15, 2020 to this email or via phone at 628-4978. This will help us determine if we will need to offer more than one service. If you have questions, please call or email those as well.