



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Reaching out with the heart and hands of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit leads, to serve all people in Love.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUBURNDALE

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Dear Congregation,

We are so happy to share the good news of our re-opening! The date has been set for **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd at 10:55 a.m.** Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. We are excited to welcome our church family back on this very special day in our church. For now, we will still not be meeting for Sunday School, Young Disciples church or fellowship time. *We will gather for the worship service only.* Bible study will continue meeting via Zoom. The services will also be Live Streamed to the church's YouTube channel and video recorded for those who choose to worship from home.

We've never done this before, so we ask for your continued patience, grace and understanding as we work together to provide a safe worship experience for all of our church family. As we practice the necessary safety measures, evaluate and re-evaluate them please bear with us if procedures change from week to week. We will keep you updated via email, snail mail and the church insert especially as we get closer to the re-opening date.

Church Opening Guidelines during COVID-19 Pandemic

Stay home if:

- You have a temperature of 100.4 or higher.
- You have any other symptoms of illness: cough, shortness or breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell.
- You have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or COVID-19 symptoms. If there is *any* chance you might be a risk to others, please stay home.

In-person worship guidelines:

- Masks covering nose and mouth **must** be worn through the whole service while in the building.
- Hands will be sanitized as you enter the sanctuary and as you exit.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door using a no touch thermometer.
- Seating will be available only in marked pews. An usher will take you to your seats and let you know when it is okay for you to exit.
- Sit **ONLY** with cohabiting family/friends.
- Maintain 6 feet between yourself and others. **NO** handshaking or hugs.
- Attendance will be taken as well as a photo at the beginning of the service for contact tracing purposes.
- Offering plates will be available at the entrances/exits.
- The singing of hymns is postponed until further notice. Hymnals and bibles have been removed. Please bring your own Bible if you wish.
- Please observe all posted signs.

As always, please call the office or any Session member if you have any questions or concerns. We hope that you and your family are safe and healthy.

Blessings,
Your Session Ministry Team