

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Welcome to Outdoor Worship at Grove! We're looking forward to this opportunity to be together again. Since some of our community members have been isolated for months to avoid infection, as God's community, we want to show our love and care by worshipping safely. Our rules are for the safety of all, which we consider to be an ethical issue. If you are concerned about safety, we encourage you to stay home – we care about you enough to keep missing you for a while longer.

When:

- **Every Sunday through September 27, 2020 (weather permitting)**
- 10:15 AM
- If weather does not permit outdoor worship
 - announcement will be made on Facebook and church-wide email as early as possible, probably by Saturday evening
 - service will be moved indoors with masks and appropriate social distancing required; if available space in the sanctuary is filled, overflow will be seated in Fellowship Hall
 - the Worship service will still be available via livestream as we have been doing

Where:

- West Lawn (Hacky House side):
 - under the trees
 - find a spot comfortable for you, please leave level areas for those less mobile
 - once your spot is chosen, please remain in your place until the service has ended
 - upper half of parking lot for in-car worship

How:

- Parking:
 - Laurel St lot (Hacky House side) reserved for in-car worship, those with mobility issues
 - If you are able-bodied, please consider parking along Green St, Eye Center parking lot
- Moving around:
 - enter and exit without milling around – this will be hard, as we have all missed each other greatly!
 - stay in your space during the service
- Safety:
 - please be considerate of others!
 - we are keeping a social distance from non-family members of six feet
 - no close or physical contact with other worshippers
 - we are wearing masks before and after the service (except participants)
- Singing and participating:
 - please join us for the responsive readings
 - since singing disperses droplets at an unacceptable rate, we are asking that you sing only if you are wearing a mask; humming is a nice alternative
 - Passing of the Peace is a wave, peace sign, air high five, etc. - no touching
- Children:
 - childcare will be provided for children ages 3 and under beginning Sept 13 with a limit of 5 children in the room - preference given to worship participant families

- older children will remain with their families at all times, including during the children's sermon
- Facilities:
 - western door of the Church is open for restroom use only
 - please use the facilities as briskly as possible
 - children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or chaperone
 - please wash hands and use the hand sanitizer which is provided
 - please take any trash with you when you leave (bulletin, water bottle, etc.)

Assistance:

- Deacons
 - can assist with parking
 - can assist with locating a place for your chair/blanket
 - will distribute bulletins and bottled water
 - will be available if you need other assistance

Giving:

- we encourage you to continue to give in the manner you have been using
- there will be a basket available in which your offering may be placed; the basket will not be passed during the service

Communion:

- We celebrate **Holy Communion during worship the first Sunday of each month**
- you are invited to bring bread or a cracker, beverage for your communion
 - bottled water will be available