

Valencia Presbyterian Church

Growing the Body of Christ through Faith, Love and Service

June 5, 2020

Greetings VPC family members!

At this point in the life of our church, we are planning and reviewing guidelines for the re-opening of worship in our Sanctuary. Your Reopening Preparation Team, appointed by the Session, has already discussed and reviewed guidelines and items of importance to the safety of ALL of our worship attendees. Although all of us are anxious to be physically together for the worship of our Lord, we all need to be guided by the authority of both Scripture and human governing authorities.

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.” - Romans 13:1-2 NRSV

“Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.” - Acts 20:28 NRSV

Our federal, state, and local authorities will set the standards guiding our planning for reopening. As your Reopening Team and I plan for our return to worship on **June 21, 2020**, be confident that everyone’s safety is of prime importance to us. Part of “paying careful attention to ourselves and all the flock” is taking all of the necessary precautions to provide a worship experience that is safe, welcoming and uplifting for everyone. Currently, all guidelines for faith communities suggest a limit to the number of attendees in the same room. Therefore, your Reopening Preparation Team is considering two service times for Sunday worship services: 8:30AM and 10:00AM, with a thorough cleaning between. And because some may feel more comfortable coming back to worship in our building than others, we will continue to provide an electronic or live-streaming option for worship.

We will also clearly communicate with all of our church family, so that we can continue “growing the Body of Christ through faith, love and service.” Your Session members will be contacting you with further details about our return to worship on Sunday, June 21st.

You can always feel free to contact the church office or myself, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in serving Christ,



Pastor Jim Kirk