

Linway United Presbyterian Church

Worship Service Policies

Effective June 22, 2020

The Session of Linway United Presbyterian Church has approved the following policies for worship in an effort to provide for the safety of all individuals, in accordance to guidelines outlined by the CDC, PA and Allegheny Health departments. We all recognize the insidious nature of the COVID-19 Virus and we ask for your cooperation in following these guidelines. We realize these changes are very different from the way we are accustomed to holding our worship services but we look forward to being able to return to worship. All of this is subject to change at any time, without any notice, including immediate closure of the building. These policies will be re-evaluated on a frequent basis and updates will be shared with you as they occur.

We celebrate that we can be together for worship! However, if you do not feel comfortable joining us at Linway for worship, we understand. We will continue to offer a digital version of the pastor's message each week so that you may continue to worship from home.

General Guidelines

- Linway United Presbyterian Church will be holding only one worship service on Sunday mornings, at 9:15, in the Sanctuary.
- The Sanctuary will be cleaned and disinfected each week.
- For the safety of everyone, if you do not feel well (including fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) please do not enter the church.
- We strongly encourage those who have been near someone who has been ill to not enter the church.
- Those who are high risk individuals should continue to utilize our digital format and please stay safe.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use near the front door and at the handicap ramp entrance.
- All those who enter the building are required to wear masks. The pastor will remove his mask when speaking from the lectern. Children age 4 and younger are not required to wear a mask.
- All are asked to enter and exit through the front door facing Route 30. Those who require the use of the handicap ramp, may feel free to do so. The James St. door, as well as the chairlift, are unavailable at this time. Both sets of doors will be propped open prior to the start of service to avoid the need to utilize the door handles.
- Avoid congregating in the aisles prior to worship to allow people to make their way to a pew.

- Every other pew will be closed-off. Please stagger your seating to maintain social distance guidelines of six feet. Families may sit together.
- The maximum recommended number of individuals in the sanctuary has been reduced to 120.
- Bulletins will not be printed, and more items from the service will be projected on the wall. Bulletins will be emailed and/or available on the church website to download and print at home.
- Attendance cards will need to be fully completed each service with name, address, telephone number, and email address in case we need to do contact tracing to notify you of an issue. Completed attendance cards must be placed in a basket as you exit the sanctuary.
- Electric fans will not be in use and the hand fans will not be in the pews.
- The only available restrooms are those located by the Sanctuary. Please do not use the restrooms in the basement.
- The water fountains in the building are not currently available to use.

During Worship

- Social distancing is in order. Handshaking and hugs are strongly discouraged. Elbow bumps are ok!
- Hymnals and Bibles have been removed from the pews. Please bring your own Bible from home.
- Offerings may be placed in the box in the last pew when you enter or exit the sanctuary. The offering plates will not be passed.
- Singing is not recommended. Traditional hymns and praise songs will be played by the projector for the congregation to listen to.
- Children's Sunday School will not be held.
- The nursery will be closed.

After Worship

- In order to practice social distancing as much as possible, please remain in your pew until a church volunteer indicates that your row can exit. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
- Do not congregate in the aisles or narthex. After the service, please move outside to talk so that you may properly social distance.
- Giant Eagle, Eat 'N Park, and other gift cards will not be sold after the service. Please contact the church office if you wish to purchase gift cards.