

Linway United Presbyterian Church
Worship Service Policies
Effective May 18, 2021

As progress continues to be made against the Covid-19 Virus, the Session of Linway United Presbyterian Church has approved the following policies for worship in an effort to provide for the safety of all the individuals. We ask for your cooperation in following these updated policies. Much consideration has been given to the guidelines outlined by the CDC and the PA and Allegheny Health Departments. The Session has tried to strike a balance between these guidelines and the comfort level of our parishioners, and thus the Session continues to take a cautious approach. All of this is subject to change at any time, without any notice. These policies will be re-evaluated on a frequent basis and updates will be shared with you as they occur.

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 so that you may continue to worship from home.

GUIDELINES THAT HAVE BEEN UPDATED ARE CAPITALIZED

General Guidelines

- Linway United Presbyterian Church will continue the 10:30 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.
- Two empty pews will be closed-off between seated pews. Please stagger your seating to maintain social distance guidelines of six feet. Families may sit together.
- 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.
- **STARTING JULY 4, MASKS MAY BE REMOVED ONCE YOU ARE SEATED IN A PEW.** WHEN ENTERING, LEAVING, OR WALKING ABOUT THE BUILDING, MASKS ARE REQUIRED TO BE WORN. The pastor will remove his mask when speaking from the pulpit. 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.
- Avoid congregating in the aisles prior to worship to allow people to make their way to a pew.
- The maximum recommended number of individuals in the sanctuary has been reduced to 120.

- BULLETINS WILL CONTINUE TO BE PRINTED AND PLACED IN THE PEWS AS WELL AS EMAILED AND AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT AT HOME. **CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY BULLETIN BY U.S. MAIL.**
- 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.
- STARTING JUNE 6, THE HAND FANS WILL BE PLACED IN THE PEWS.
- STARTING JULY 4, THE ELECTRIC FANS WILL BE PLACED IN THE AISLES FOR USE.
- 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!
- STARTING JULY 4, HYMNALS AND BIBLES WILL BE IN THE PEWS FOR YOU TO USE.
- 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 permitted.
- STARTING JULY 4, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER WEEK CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS. IT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN WHETHER OR NOT SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD THAT DAY. CHILDREN AND TEACHERS WILL NEED TO WEAR MASKS, SIT SOCIALLY DISTANT, AND WILL BE PROVIDED THEIR OWN BAGGIE OF SUPPLIES (CRAYONS, MARKERS, SCISSORS, GLUE STICK, ETC.) WHICH WILL HAVE THEIR NAME ON FOR THEM TO USE DURING EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL.
- STARTING JULY 4, THE TIME WITH CHILDREN WILL OCCUR ON THE SANCTUARY STEPS. CHILDREN AGE 5 AND OLDER AND REV. DENNIS WILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK AND SIT SOCIALLY DISTANT. THE MICROPHONE WILL NOT BE SHARED.
- 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.
- Depending upon availability, Giant Eagle and possibly other gift cards may be available for purchase as a fundraiser after the service. Please contact the church office if you wish to purchase gift cards on a weekday.