



LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH
22512 Chancellors Run Road, Great Mills, MD 20634
“Love God – Love People – Make Disciples”

Dear Life Community Church family,

We are starting to come out of our Stay-at-Home Order and are moving into the Better-to-Stay-at-Home Order. This means that we can increase the number of people who attend our Sunday morning worship service from 10 essential workers to 50% of our building’s occupancy capacity. We have developed a plan to open the church on May 24, 2020 that will earn your trust, keep you safe, and feed your soul.

*** You are responsible for your own safety. We are only providing the opportunity to attend church. It is up to you to decide to attend. We are not pressuring anyone to attend in any way at all. Faith and wisdom are not exclusive but work together to lead us in doing God’s will.

*** Before I explain how we will reopen, I want to encourage you to stay home if you are unsure about the safety of attending church or if you have any fear of spreading COVID-19 to the elderly or those with compromised health. For example, someone who works at a nursing home may want to attend our online services for now.

*** If you are sick or you have been exposed to someone who is sick in the last 14 days, please stay home and watch us online.

The opening of our church is more complicated than just saying 80 people can take a seat in the sanctuary. Here are some rules we will follow to earn your trust and keep you as safe as possible as we take care of your “Soul Health.”

The following plan will begin on Sunday, May 24, 2020:

1. A cleaning company has sanitized the church. Between services, the seats will be sprayed and the restrooms and other touch points will be wiped down with disinfectants. Unused hallways and rooms will be blocked or locked to limit the movement of attendees to authorized areas. This will protect our staff and make it easier to sanitize the church each week and between services.
2. In order to accommodate everyone, and to maximize our space, we will hold three in person Sunday worship services and two online services.
 - a. 8:30-9:30 am – English service restricted to the elderly and those who have risk factors
 - b. 10:00-11:30 am – English service for the rest of us
 - c. 9:55 am-12:00 pm – Online English services will continue on YouTube and Facebook Live. If you do not feel comfortable attending church, please join our online service.
 - d. 1:30 pm – Spanish service
 - e. 1:30 pm – Online Spanish service - Facebook Live
3. You must keep your children with you at all times. If they have to go to the restroom, you must escort them.

4. There will be no nursery or children's church. At some point during each 10:00 am service Bridgett Merhan will provide a 5-10 minute presentation for the children in the main sanctuary.
5. For now, there will be no Sunday School.
6. The Fellowship Hall will be set up for overflow seating where the online live stream will be shown. Don't be late. We will do everything we can to accommodate everyone who attends.
7. You must follow the instructions of the ushers and greeters at all times.
8. There will be one entrance and one exit. You will enter through the front glass doors and exit through the sanctuary's side door.
9. Per the Governor's order, the congregation must wear a mask to enter the church and wear it at all times. Only the praise and worship team members and the preacher will take their mask off while performing their duties. If you do not have a mask, or do not want to wear a mask, please stay home and watch the service online.
10. A greeter will assist you as you use the provided hand sanitizer and wait to be seated.
11. Ushers will escort each group or individual to their seats, which will be six feet from another group. Each group consists of those who live in the same household.
12. After the service we will stand where we were seated and socialize for a while before we leave. Ushers will dismiss you row by row.
13. Hand sanitizer will be provided at the exit.

This may sound difficult. However, all you really have to do is show up on time with a mask and we will lead you through the entire event. If you do not have a mask, or do not want to wear a mask, please stay home and join our online service.

I hope to see you at either the 8:30 am service for the elderly or those with compromised health issues, or the 10:00 am service.

Remember, stay home and join our online service if you are uneasy or have any other issues that may prevent you from attending. We want you to be safe and happy.

I love you all and we will get through this together in the power of the Holy Spirit,

Pastor Brian Shepard
Lead Pastor, Life Community Church