

HCC Family,

Peter gives us image of living stones being built into a spiritual house. The church, the people redeemed by Jesus, is not just a collection of individuals seeking to follow Jesus as individuals. Jesus is building us together so as a way to reveal his glory, both to us and to the world. We were made to worship the Lord.

Since Sunday, June 21, HCC began welcoming our congregation back into the Sanctuary for worship. The HCC Session is committed to making worship as available as possible in as many ways as we can so that we can grow together as the body of Christ.

Remote Worship:

We will continue to livestream our worship service at 9:30 for everyone who is more comfortable worshipping remotely. We also strongly encourage those who are at-risk as outlined by the CDC to join us online. If you have any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone exhibiting those symptoms, please remain at home and worship with us remotely as well. Please visit www.hackberrycreekchurch.com or HCC's Facebook page to join us for worship.

In-Person Worship:

8:30 Chapel Service (outdoor)- HCC Front Lawn:

At 8:30, Pastor Jonathan and some from the praise team will lead a chapel service on the lawn outside Patterson Hall. This will provide an opportunity for those who want to ease into the re-gathering process to be able to do so at their own pace. This service is 40 minutes and include singing, a call to worship, prayer, the sermon, and a benediction.

- Please park on the west side of HCC
- We are encouraging every member to bring a mask and wear it during the service; young children are welcome to come without a mask
- Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket and a printed order of worship
- Please continue to maintain social distancing and refrain from handshakes and hugging. Smiles and waves are still deeply appreciated
- Access to the building will be restricted- restrooms will be open
- This worship time will not be streamed or recorded.

9:30 Worship Service- HCC Sanctuary-

This service will take place at 9:30 a.m. and will be available on the Internet as well.

- We will gather at 9:30 to worship
- Nursery is available at this service. Sunday school is available both in-person and online, via Zoom. You can access that through the Christian Education page on our website.
- While we are not serving refreshments or snacks, folks have enjoyed visiting before and after worship both in the sanctuary and in the church narthex
- Congregational singing will take place
- *Children are welcome*- we invite children forward for a children's sermon. Infants and toddlers are welcome in our nursery. Sunday school has started in person, abiding by measures common in schools
- For those at higher risk, but still want to attend in person, the classrooms overlooking the sanctuary are available to worship in a more protected space while still being present in person.
- We would encourage your small group to consider gathering together for worship in one of your homes if being in a smaller, known group would make you feel more comfortable

How will this take place?

- If you plan to worship with us, please take your temperature of all in your household to ensure you do not have a fever

- Our gathering spaces will be sanitized
- We will continue to practice appropriate distancing and strongly encourage you to wear a mask for the entire service. Young children are welcomed without a mask.
- We will have hand sanitizing stations in the narthex and by all restrooms to keep hands clean
- If singing or being around those who are singing makes you feel uncomfortable (for health reasons), we would encourage you to consider sitting in the back or in the upstairs Sunday school rooms
- All greeters and ushers will wear masks
- We will not be passing an offering plate or passing out bulletins. We strongly encourage you to bring your bulletins from home or have it ready on your smart phone
- Greeters will open the door for you and ushers will seat you by families and separated from other worshipers by no less than 6' apart from front to back
- Ushers will dismiss the congregation from back to front and by the nearest exit
- Please maintain social distancing indoors and extend waves and 'air hugs' rather than handshakes and real hugs for the time being

A word about masks: We strongly encourage all who gather for in-person worship to wear masks. We realize for some it is uncomfortable, but it is away to extend compassion and grace to those around us. It is a small way for us to not only look out for our own interests, but also to the interests of others (Phil. 2.4).

Why do we gather?

- The chief end of human kind is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. We were made for worship.
- We believe it is safe to come together in the way we outlined
- We want to make worship as available as possible in as many ways as we can so that we can grow together as the body of Christ.

In life and in death, we belong to God. Worship reminds us who we belong to and who is in control. As we gather to worship, it is a way we can speak to the world about where our trust is and who our hope is in the time of turmoil and chaos. Gathering for worship shines a light into a world walking in darkness and invites others to walk in God's marvelous light.

See you soon!

Jonathan