

# RE PENING

## PHASE 2 - MOVING IN

### SUNDAY, AUG 16 | 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday, August 9, 2020

Hey Keystone Church Family,

From the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic, we have been striving to do our best to provide resources to help love and lead you in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. For thirteen Sundays, during the peak of the pandemic, we met exclusively online. Eight weeks ago, we implemented **Phase I** of reopening: resuming in-person worship experiences for adults in a large tent directly in front of our building while continuing online worship.

Meeting under the tent has been a helpful step, and thankfully the weather has cooperated with our plans, for the most part. But this was always designed to be a temporary and intermediate step to eventually moving our services inside. For a variety of reasons including unpredictable weather, costs associated with renting such a large tent, and the additional burden placed on staff to facilitate a weekly outdoor service while also providing an effective online viewing option, the Keystone Leadership Team has authorized **Phase 2** of reopening - moving our worship inside starting **Sunday, August 16th**.

During the pandemic, the aim has always been to provide a meaningful opportunity to connect with God and others while also mitigating the risk to those most vulnerable. In light of that, here are three worship options offered to you during **Phase 2**:

1. Continue to attend Keystone online at 10:30 AM.
2. Worship in-person at the 9:00 AM experience. Masks will be **REQUIRED** at all times inside the building and throughout the entire experience.
3. Worship in-person at the 10:30 AM experience. As you enter and exit the lobby, masks are required. Although we **ENCOURAGE** the continued use of masks, they will not be required once you are seated in the auditorium.

We realize that there are various opinions and approaches to wearing masks, gathering in groups, and what constitutes reasonable/unreasonable risks. We would love to have the perfect solution, but in the absence of perfection, we can at least choose an approach that provides options for the greatest number of people. For those who are most vulnerable or are unable/unwilling to attend in-person gatherings, we will continue to provide an excellent online alternative. **Phase 2** also creates a worship experience for those who want assurance that they can attend a service where everyone wears a mask.

The seating in the auditorium will adhere to physical distancing guidelines. We have removed every other row of seats. We will be sanitizing seats, shared spaces, and touched surfaces, and we will be cycling fresh air into the building during and between experiences. Singing will continue to take place after the sermon. We are also asking that if people want to connect for conversation, they do so outside the building, not in the lobby.

Many have asked about our plans for opening student and children's ministry environments. Now that the area school systems are releasing more details regarding their policies and procedures, we have some benchmarks to assist us as we begin making plans to offer in-person ministry environments for our students and children. Until those plans are in place, we will continue to provide online resources. The videos we have been streaming on Sundays for children are available on-demand and will premiere as special video events on Facebook: Waumba Land at 9:45 AM and UpStreet/5th Avenue at 11:45 AM.

We want to remind everyone that gatherings of any size present a certain level of risk. We cannot meet and promise an entirely risk-free environment. Medical guidance for those who are most vulnerable continues to be that they avoid large gatherings, and we would encourage those with medical issues or other concerns to continue participating online. If you are sick, have a fever, have other symptoms related to Covid-19, or know that you have been exposed, please stay home.

Our staff and leadership teams are continually evaluating best practices and next steps. If you have concerns or questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

In Him,

*Pastor Ken*