

Greetings FMC Family,

As ministers and Church Council we are looking forward to taking the first step of returning to in person worship at church on Sunday September 12. Given the current state of COVID precautions there are a number of guidelines that will be in place. Church Council has approached this through the lens of care for our neighbours and care for each other.

At this time we are inviting only those fully vaccinated to in person worship with children invited to attend with their parents/caregivers. Those unvaccinated as well as those hesitant to return to in person worship will be able to continue participating in services online.

Guidelines and what to expect for in person worship

- Self screen prior to attending Sunday's worship and stay home if you or a family member are ill. The self screening tool is located here:
https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/covid19_screening_checklist.pdf
- Enter through the office entrance and sign in for contact tracing
- Have your vaccine card or QR code ready at the entrance
- Use green dots on pews as guides for family/household seating while maintaining distance
- Wear a mask while in the building
- There will be no congregational singing but you are welcome to hum along to any of the music :)
- Music will include a mix of live and prerecorded music. Live singing will be limited to instrumentals or soloists and duets who will be masked.
- You will be invited to fellowship outside after the service

Changes in online format

- The service will be streamed live starting at 10:00 a.m. This means that joining later than 10:00 a.m. but before the service is over will be the same as showing up late! :) However, after the service is over the full service will be available to view on our website and Youtube channel as before.
- Expect changes in lighting and sound as we adjust to going live.

We thank you for your patience and support at this time. Church Council will continue to assess our practices and make changes as needed and appropriate. As always we welcome feedback so that we can have a fuller understanding of the congregation's thoughts and needs.

A final note regarding vaccination. While we currently require vaccination for services and events within the church building we plan to offer other opportunities for connection outdoors which will not require vaccination for in person participation.