

November 30, 2021

Dear Kirkwood Congregation,

We are grateful for your patience, faith, and generosity during the past 21 months as we discover how to be who God wants us to be under very unsettled circumstances. Nurturing your spiritual health while making public health decisions has been quite the unexcepted challenge.

We also appreciate your recent feedback regarding holding in-person worship. It is helpful to know where you stand. We, as a Session, have made decisions considering the best interests of the congregation, community, and our staff, which is reflected in our metric. We are grateful that our congregation's vaccination rate is substantially above the county average, and we have heard your requests to open the building for those who are comfortable with indoor gatherings, and we want to honor your requests.

And so, we have met, prayed, and decided to provide a weekly in-person and masked worship service, unless there is a significant change in our circumstances, such as a local lockdown or outbreak in our church. We refer you to covidactnow.org to monitor the current statistics in our county and to choose your own risk tolerance for you and your family. The worship service will continue to be live-streamed every Sunday for those who choose to watch online.

If you choose to attend and discover later that you are covid-positive, please email the church office at Kirkwoodpc@kirkwoodpc.org or call Dr. Ron Lewis at 706-284-2310 to report. We will keep your name anonymous unless you give permission otherwise and contact those who were sitting in close contact with you during worship.

Worshipping together as the body of Christ is no small thing, and we pray for the Spirit's continued guidance and protection for all of us as we gather.

With Christ's grace and peace,
Your Session