

Preach the Word. Be Ready. Contend earnestly

Family of Brethren Reformed Church,

After the last few months of only doing the service livestream we are able to gather together again this coming Sunday (May 31<sup>st</sup>). Things, of course, are going to be different as they are anywhere we go these days. Below are the guidelines the elders have adopted to demonstrate our love for each other and continued care for those vulnerable while allowing us to open our doors again. It is important that each of us adhere to these guidelines so that we can continue to meet in the future.

We understand and fully support those that decide for various reasons not to attend (health, age, work or you simply choose not to attend). We want to make sure that no one feels pressured to attend but all are welcome. We will continue to livestream the sermon for those who chose to stay at home.

## What we are doing to protect you

- The services will continue to be abbreviated in that we will be having the sermon portion of our services only for the time being (i.e. no opening scripture reading or congregational singing)
- We will not be having children's church or ladies bible study
- The basement area will be closed and there will not be any coffee or drinks available in the mornings so BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee)
- We encourage people to head to the parking lot as soon as the service is ended to avoid congregating together within the building
- We encourage anyone in an at-risk demographic (elderly, health concerns, etc) to stay home
- We encourage medical professionals to stay home
- We will be doing a deep clean of the church facilities each week
- We will be blocking off every other pew and adding chairs to the back foyer area for additional seating and we ask family units to sit together and 6 feet apart
- We will be providing hand sanitizer

## What you can do to protect others

- Practice social distancing
  - Remain 6 feet apart, wash hands often, take your temperature before coming to service
  - Refrain from physical contact (handshaking, hugs, etc)
  - Cover mouth when coughing or sneezing
- As soon as church service is over please exit to the parking lot, where there is more space for conversations in the open air
- If anyone in your family is sick or has been exposed to Covid-19, please stay home
- If anyone contacts Covid-19 please let the elders know
- Although face coverings will not be required, you are encouraged to wear one if you desire to

Grace to you, Elder Board