

Hilton Baptist Church Reopening

This is where we are today, June 26, 2020...

The HBC Reopening Task Force Is continuing to work hard to meet the July 19 projected reopening date. The focus has been on keeping our church family safe by following the guidelines given by the CDC and New York State.

In the coming weeks, please remember to keep in mind that reopening our church service in the HBC sanctuary is an ever-changing situation. We all need to be flexible as changes may occur to the opening procedures. Below are some specific details of what we expect our new normal to be when attending church in the sanctuary beginning July, 19, 2020.

What to expect when we reopen:

Parking:

- Be aware of social distancing when parking in the parking lot
- Wear a mask exiting your vehicle

Entering the Building:

- Enter through the back door only. The front door to the sanctuary will be locked.
- An usher will greet you at the back door
- Remain 6 feet apart and continue wearing your mask until seated
- Family groups should remain together
- Use the hand sanitizer provided upon entering the building
- All worshipers will follow the arrows marking the traffic path up through the hallway to the Lloyd room into the Narthex and then the sanctuary
- Worshipers with limited mobility will be ushered into the front of the sanctuary and seated in a designated section
- The back door will be locked at 10:15 during the worship service.

Proceeding into the Sanctuary:

- Follow the arrows marking the traffic path
- Ushers will be stationed to guide you
- Stay six feet apart as marked by the blue lines
- Hand sanitizer stations are available along your path
- As you enter the Narthex ushers will direct you to where you will be seated
- Pews are taped indicating where seating is not allowed. The Property Department has measured and taped so we are able to maintain social distancing during the service.
- Family groups can sit together.
- Seating will be from the front of the church to the back, north side to the south side of the church
- Do not expect to sit in your favorite pew
- We are required to gather contact information for worshipers so you will be asked to provide your email or phone number for contact tracing purposes.
- When seated, you may remove your mask.

Worship Service:

- All Bibles, hymnals, offering envelopes, pencils and other paper items have been removed from the pews.
- Small hand sanitizers are available in each pew.
- You may bring your own Bible if you wish.
- There will be no bulletins or materials that will be handled.
- There will be no choir, singing of hymns, or standing during the church service.
- Collection plates are available as you exit.
- You may also pay your pledge online or send it to the church office.
- Communion will be different; details to follow.
- If you need to use the restroom, put your mask on and go to the Narthex where an usher will escort you.
- Children will be expected to stay with an adult and wear a mask.
- There will be no childcare, Sunday School, or children's activities at this time.

Exiting the Building after the Service:

- An usher will direct you out through the front of the sanctuary by the organ to the parking lot door.
- Put your mask on when leaving and wait for the usher to release your pew row.
- Proceed directly to your car, following social distancing.
- At this time there will be no fellowship hour.
- The Lloyd Room, the kitchen, and all other rooms on the 1st and 2nd floor (excluding the restrooms) will be closed.

Additional Information:

- The church will be sanitized and cleaned before each service.
- Restrooms will be open and proper hand washing practices will be posted.
- Hand sanitizers are available outside restrooms and throughout the pathways.
- Any vulnerable or "at risk" individuals should stay home and listen to the service on the HBC website.
- Continue to check the website for updates.