



Pastoral Update—October 9, 2020



Thankful Pumpkin and Good News

A church member shared this great idea with me: Want to start a new family tradition to center you in thankfulness? Every night take a moment to write one thing for which you are thankful on a pumpkin. Voilà! You will have a Thankful Pumpkin to remind you of your blessings. It will make a great centerpiece for your Thanksgiving feast.

I am thankful for the opportunity we have as a church community to gather once again for in person worship. We are sharing this letter in multiple places so there are lots of chances to see our ***DCLC RECONVENING PLAN***:

May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. 2 Thessalonians 3:5

Arizona met the CDC benchmarks that allow us to gather for in-person worship with a reconvening safety plan. We will start small and adjust as needed. Worship will be completely different than we remember with necessary modifications. We want to prepare you for what to expect. The safest option is still worshiping online. We encourage those in the high-risk group to worship from home. Please read this information carefully. Thank you for your understanding!

WHEN: REFORMATION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH FROM 9:00AM-9:30AM

Worship will be every Sunday from 9:00am-9:30am with communion served the 4th Sunday.

WHERE: 4 worship space options

We are currently **1** church with **2** campuses and **1** Pastor. Synod supply pastors are unavailable. As our pastoral situation evolves, we will adjust our plans accordingly. These 4 options include the most people:

1. Tempe Sanctuary:

A. Worship with Pastor Andrea presiding live to be livestreamed and recorded.

2. Tempe Community Center:

A. Worship livestreamed on screens with worship hosts to manage flow.

3. Gilbert Worship Space:

A. Worship livestreamed on screens with Michael Lottes and Denise Viker as worship hosts.

4. Home Space:

A. Stay home and view worship live online or watch the recording posted on YouTube.

B. Organize a small group from church to gather in your home to worship together.

HOW: Guidelines

- Reservations will be needed to worship in-person. You may worship at any of the locations. Sign ups for reservations is coming soon.
- In-person worship is limited to 50 people per space in Tempe and Gilbert.
- Mandatory masking, physical distancing and safety protocols will be provided as an expression of love and care for each other.
- Communion will be served on 4th Sundays. Worshipers in the home space may commune with bread and wine/juice.