

**RECOMMENDATIONS  
OF  
THE REOPENING TASK GROUP**

**May 20, 2021**

The Reopening Task Group was established by session and empowered to set policies for the life of the church as it began to open up to in person activities. The task group consists of members of the Property Committee, including three active elders, a member of the Worship Committee, and staff members of the church.

The group has sought to set policies that insure Second Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and safe environment for everyone during this devastating pandemic while recognizing the needs of members for presence and fellowship as conditions have improved.

The recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and from the Commonwealth of Kentucky caught many by surprise. The task group met on Thursday, May 20, to respond in ways we consider faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as mindful of the science behind the new recommendations. The greatest amount of time spent in discussion concerned the question of singing with or without masks. The recommendations below seek to allow our musicians and the congregation to have several Sundays in which to live into that change.

- 1) Beginning Sunday, May 23, masks will not be required or recommended for the 9:00 outdoor worship service. Musicians will continue to mask for the next several Sundays due to close proximity as they transition to unmasking.
- 2) The task group is asking that this Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>, current protocols remain in place for the 11:00 indoor worship service.
- 3) Beginning Sunday, May 30, reservations for the 11:00 service will no longer be required. Masks will be optional for fully vaccinated people, but for May 30 and June 6 only the task group recommends masking while singing.
- 4) Beginning Sunday, May 30, the section of shorter pews on the eastern side of the sanctuary will be reserved for worshippers who desire continued physical distancing. There will be a portion of the balcony available if more space is needed.
- 5) Beginning Sunday, June 13, all capacity restrictions and any masking or distancing protocols will be discontinued per state guidelines.