

# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## *Morning Service - Lord's Supper Instructions*

July 5, 2020

We are very excited to gather in person for a corporate worship service this coming Sunday morning, and we are particularly looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper after a long time of going without. What follows is a few detailed instructions about how we intend to serve the sacraments and insure a meaningful and safe distribution of the elements for communion.

### ***General Overview:***

- ❖ As we are accustomed, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in the midst of our service.
- ❖ We will come forward to receive the bread and the cup by household.
- ❖ A hearty thanks to the Deacons who have labored to make sure that we can partake of the in a way that ensures safety and preserves as much of the normalcy as possible.

### ***Particular Instructions:***

- ❖ We will invite those in the back rows to come forward for communion first and then proceed by row towards the front rows.
  - An usher will signal when it is your row's time to come forward for the sacrament.
  - We will come forward via the middle aisle.
- ❖ Two stations will be set up to receive communion.
  - Each station will be at the front of the Worship Center, centered at the head of the right and left rows of seating.
  - We ask that each household practice physical distancing when awaiting their turn to receive the elements.
- ❖ Households may approach together.
  - Communicants will cup their hands, ready to receive the bread (pre-cut into pieces)
- ❖ A pastor (sanitized, masked, and gloved) will drop a piece of the bread into the communicant's hands.
- ❖ Another server (sanitized, masked, and gloved) will make a cup available for each communicant to pick up.
  - We will have both wine and grape juice available. The wine will be the darker and grape juice the lighter.
- ❖ Upon receiving the elements, communicants may return to their seats via the side aisle.
- ❖ Once you have returned to your seat, you may unmask, partake of the elements, and then replace your mask.
- ❖ We will have a closing song before the benediction to conclude the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

We will review these instructions as best we can before communion, since it is a lot to hold in your head.

Even with these precautions and special measures in place, it may be that you are not comfortable with partaking on Sunday. There is absolutely no shame in holding back, and once again, we have a chance to practice mercy and forbearance with ourselves and others who have different levels of comfort and caution.