

WELCOME!

- 1) Temperature taken BEFORE entry
- 2) Hand Sanitizer UPON Entry
- 3) Or Wash Hands Completely
- 4) Always wear your mask
- 5) Maintain 6' Social Distance
- 6) Maintain 10-12' for Longer Durations
- 7) Sit in Every Other Pew
- 8) Stagger seating - no one is directly in front or behind.
- 9) Those from same household can sit together.
- 10) Please stay in Auditorium Area - Levy Hall is Closed

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Greystone Church Re-Opening Guidelines

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A Note From Your Pastor! We want *everyone* at Greystone to feel safe and loved. These guidelines were created in that spirit. Feeling safe will help us brave our first few services back together. Yet, these guidelines are more for the safety and comfort of others! Would you kindly read them carefully? Then please heed them in the spirit of self-less, agape love? Thank you, and God bless you.

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Let’s Assemble! The word “church” means assembly! These guidelines will begin on 6/7/2020 and will be in place for our first month back together! (And possibly beyond.) These guidelines are subject to change as we go, being relaxed or enhanced, after prayerful deliberations by the Greystone Church Elder Board.

Please note: A schedule for a gradual opening can be found at the end of this document.

Masks: Masks should be worn at all times for those entering the building. Masks will be provided for those who do not have one with them. Wearing a mask is primarily for the protection of others, and becomes an “I love you,” especially at church!

A Singular Exception: Musicians and the Pastor will be permitted to go without a mask only during the message and/or music worship. Musician must stay socially distanced 6’ feet from one another, and 12’ feet from any other person.

Entry Safety Checks:

For the safety of all, everyone entering the building will need their temperature taken. (Greystone acquired a quick-read temporal thermometer.) Greeters will wear PPE¹. Regrettably, anyone with temperature above the normal range of 97 F - 99 will be unable to enter the building that particular week.

For the benefit of all, Greeters will also ask a couple question about any COVID-19 exposure: 1) your COVID-19 status past and/or present, 2) possible recent exposure, and

¹ gloves, mask, face guard

3) any typical symptoms. These procedures will lovingly supply the needed confidence level needed for each us during this Coronavirus phase of venturing out.

Once in the building, please do not touch the doors or door handles, as they will already be open or opened for you by greeters. Generally, all doors inside the church will remain open to minimize possible touch and virus transfer. Also, as you enter the foyer, would you kindly avail yourself of the hand sanitizer.

Social Distancing Inside the Church

Social Distance for Standing / Walking: Please maintain at least 6' of distance from other people while passing others or in *brief* times of conversation. If you will be around others for an extending period of time, please expand your distance to 10 to 12 feet. (FYI- Longer durations of contact increase the chance of transmission through airborne virus, aerosolized virus, or high virus concentrations found in a sneeze.) The nature of Coronavirus increases the importance of catching any cough or sneeze *into your elbow* and not into your hands or the air.

Social Distance for Seating: During the service, people should sit in every other pew to provide extra distance during our worship time together. Additionally, people should stagger their seating, so as not be directly in front or behind another person. 10 to 12 feet distance is encouraged. However, worshipers should be *at least 6'* away from the nearest person, except for family members residing in the *same residence* who are welcome to sit together.

Other practices:

- Please do not shake hands or hug. Gently remind one another if needed.
- Communion will be suspended until further notice.
- Communion may be celebrated in the near future, but only with commercially produced, individually packaged elements, distributed via a no-contact method.
- Coffee & Conversation will be suspended until further notice.
- There will be no bulletins or handouts of any kind during this time.

Offerings: Offerings plates will be placed at various points around the church. Thank you for your continued faithfulness in giving at this crucial time. Please be aware that you can give your tithes and offerings through online giving on our website: **Greystone.Church**

Areas of Use: Please *only use our main entrance* on the West side of the building. Kindly maintain the 6 feet social distancing practices. Once inside, we ask you stay within the auditorium area, which includes the rear foyer, and restroom areas. When you are ready to leave, please exit the West side entrance, again maintaining 6 feet of distance. All doors may be used for egress in an emergency.

Levy Hall is Closed: We ask that you not enter or use any portion of Levy Hall – upstairs or down. Only staff, who must work in Levy Hall during the week, should utilize the Levy Hall addition. Office staff will continue to stagger their time in the office,

whenever possible. Only office staff (and church leadership needing office access) will continue the practice of using disinfectant wipes to sanitize their way into the building, their workspace, and back out again.

Infants / Toddlers / Young Children: It is far better that little ones stay with their parents – well distanced and in the freshly sanitized auditorium areas. Please don't worry about any noise or commotion! We love kids! We will make sure the changing table, upstairs from the auditorium, is sanitized, stocked, and is ready. Nursery services will begin again when COVID-19 subsides a bit more in the community. Please call if you have any concerns or special needs. We will do our best to accommodate!

Building Cleaning: The building will be cleaned each week, with bathrooms, and all hard-surfaces sanitized.

HVAC Considerations: If warm-weather conditions require, the auditorium will be cooled by our new air conditioning system, but *prior* to welcoming worshipers. The AC units will be turned off, along with any fans, prior to general worshipers entering the building (around 10:15am) and will remain off for the duration of the service. This will minimize air movement in the auditorium.

Elderly or At-Risk Church Attenders: This is a heart-breaking aspect of COVID-19. Those at higher risk of complications from COVID-19 should be lovingly encouraged to take advantage of our **on-line service** on Facebook-live, WZNY-FM 98.3, or internet audio stream. (Links found at Greystone.Church. Those needing assistance in using these resources should call pastor Brian, or the church office. Those who are in adult-living or assisted-living environments should also take advantage of the online worship resources. God speed the time we can *all* be together.

Gradual Opening Schedule

June 7th & 14th Our primary worship - Facebook Live - Z98.3 Broadcast

Those who would like to be present to worship and observe the telecast production are welcome to attend, using the above procedures. For technical reasons, worshippers will be seated behind the cameras and equipment.

Additional praise team members are welcomed these weeks.

June 21st **First Service Full in Auditorium - Please come!**

Cameras and Operator(s) will be situated in the back by this week, and permanently.

Greystone's on-line option will continue for our out-of-town worshippers, and secondary-option for our home-town worshiper.

Jun 28th **We hope to have all of our regular attenders and members back to worship with us.** Only those at higher risk to COVID-19 should continue to avail themselves of online worship / giving. On-line services are also a great options for vacations, etc.!

*** We may offer a drive-in option this week so that we may all worship together on the premises. ***

Leadership Affirmations: Greystone Church is pleased to comply with all reasonable suggestions from state and federal authorities regarding best practices for social distancing and maximum safe gatherers. (Rom 3:1, 1 Peter 2:13-14) Simultaneously, we affirm the principles of 1) self-governance for all churches, and 2) the principles of separation of church and state which prohibit governmental regulation in church affairs. We further affirm all US Constitutional Rights that limit governmental scope, such as the freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and freedom of religion, each of which are inviolable, regardless of circumstance.