



Sunday “Live Studio Audience” What to Expect

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Introduction

In order to maintain our public witness, love our neighbors, and protect the health of our church family, Fellowship Denver is following the guidance of the Colorado Department of Health during the state’s Safer-at-Home phase.

Current guidelines allow for up to 50 people to be present in the main worship space, with at least 6 feet of social distancing maintained between households. Up to 10 can be present in secondary spaces such as classrooms.

Practically, this means that it is not yet possible to gather our full church on Sunday mornings or to offer our normal children’s classes. Therefore, we will continue to use live streaming on Sunday mornings at 10 am as our primary way of worship until restrictions lift further.

However, the 50-person limit *is* progress from where we’ve been, and it *does* allow for us to gather a small crowd to participate on-site in the worship service. We’re calling this a “live studio audience” as a tongue-in-cheek way of saying, “It’s not going to feel like what church used to feel like” and to emphasize that our focus is still on delivering a worship service for people at home. That said, being part of the on-site audience will be a meaningful way to gather with others, participate in the service, and be part of what God is doing in our midst! This document will help you know what to expect when you attend.

Social Distancing & Safety Practices

- Your spot in the audience will be reserved through a pre-registration system. This will allow us to monitor capacity and attendance and contact all attendees if necessary.
- Everyone attending the service will be required to wear a face mask (children 2 and under, those with trouble breathing, or those unable to remove a mask without assistance should not wear a mask).
- Every person or party will maintain 6 feet of distance from others. Chairs and sections will be marked off in the sanctuary to guide you.

- Upon entering the building, you will be provided hand sanitizer and will have your temperature checked via a touchless thermometer.
- Bathrooms will be limited to two people at a time.
- We will be creating a “touchless” experience. Ushers will open and close all doors to the sanctuary. No coffee or food will be provided. No handouts or church-owned bibles, pens, or connecting cards will be available, and we will not be serving Communion. Offering boxes will be available at the sanctuary exits, but we will not be passing baskets.

Service Expectations

- Being in the live audience means you’re helping create the service for people at home. One of the most important things we’ll do is pray together before the service starts, led by our pastors.
- It’s also important that everyone be seated before the service starts (unlike an old Sunday where “fashionably late” was normal).
- With all of this in mind, we’re asking everyone to arrive at the building by 9:30 am. Prayer will begin at 9:40 am. Doors will be locked at 9:45 am.
- Service live stream will start at 10 am. The service format is two songs, welcome, sermon, two songs, and benediction.
- Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in the service with their families. Please bring anything they’ll need, as we’ll not be able to provide children’s packets due to being touchless.
- We recommend downloading the [Fellowship Denver App](#) before attending the service. The app is your portal to all announcements, event registrations, connecting card, and online giving.