

March 10, 2021

To the First Presbyterian Church of Everett,

The Session of FPCE and I are excited to tell you we are moving to Step 2 of our Reopening Plan on Sunday April 25th!

Here is the updated information on **Step 2 – Studio Audience:**

The sanctuary will be open for up to 30 people to attend worship including those leading worship. There will be an online RSVP process for us to monitor numbers and keep a record for contact tracing purposes. All attendees will be asked to sign a Covenant of Care to be filed in the office. This Covenant of Care can be found on our website and we will have copies at the doors before worship. Anyone entering the building will be checked off the RSVP list or required to sign-in. We will accommodate persons who did not RSVP only if there is space available. Otherwise, those individuals will be put on the worship list for the upcoming week.

We will have a table in the back of the sanctuary with a one-use paper bulletin and a collection plate for offerings. Please use pre-marked seating in the pews. We ask for all to maintain a 6-foot social distance. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.

During Step 2, all attending will follow these guidelines:

1. Everyone is required to wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth.
2. Seating is limited. We will leave three to five ‘spaces’ free in the RSVP process for walk up or visitor seating.
3. There will be no congregational singing of hymns. This is consistent with Washington State requirements.
4. There will be no choir. To be consistent with Washington State, we will use solos, duets, and quartets for worship.
5. There will be no touching during the passing of the peace.
6. We will not formally celebrate the Lord’s Supper.
7. Facility use is limited to the sanctuary only. There will be no in-person coffee time, Sunday school, children’s ministry, or nursery. All children are welcome and encouraged to sit/be with their family.
8. The main entrance for worship will be through the Rockefeller doors with mobility access through the south Bell Tower doors.
9. Doors will open at 9:30am and the building will close by 11:30am.
10. Virtual worship, our Zoom coffee time and Sunday school will continue as scheduled.

Please note, our numbers and our process will be flexible. We will prayerfully work to respect state, county, city, and Presbytery requirements and adjust for demand and safety. We will evaluate weekly and adjust. In time, we will proceed to Step 3.

You can reread the updated Step 2 as well as the entire plan on our website. Information on the reservation process and more details will be coming. Now is a great time to turn in your Covenant of Care form(s). If you need a copy of this form, you can find it on our website (www.firstpreschurch.com).

The Reopening Task Force and Session were encouraged by the decreasing numbers of cases in our county and state. We are grateful for those in our congregation who have received vaccinations. As more receive vaccinations in our congregation and city, we celebrate the love we have for our neighbor and each other.

We plan to begin our gradual reopening on April 25th. As we learn and adapt, we will eventually move into Step 3. The hopeful goal for our community would be a complete reopening at some juncture in the fall. We will be monitoring various factors as we prayerfully and safely move forward. Do not be alarmed, our virtual livestream feed will continue weekly. We are committed to bringing a quality worship experience to our members and friends every week.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rev. Dr. Alan Dorway

The 2021 Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Everett