

Guidelines for Drive-in Worship at APC

Alpharetta Presbyterian Church will begin holding an outdoor, drive-in worship service each Sunday, starting October 18, 2020. The worship service will begin promptly at 11 a.m., and will last about 40 minutes. APC's online worship service will also continue to be available.

- 1) To prepare for the drive-in service, worshipers are asked to arrive early enough to the APC property to allow time to park. (An arrival time of 10:45 a.m. is suggested.) Please enter the property off of Academy Street and then follow the signs and greeters along the right side of the church building to the back of the church.
- 2) Greeters will be visible and stationed throughout the property to direct traffic to the back parking lot, where the service will be held. Greeters will be wearing masks.
- 3) Greeters will guide worshipers to parking spots that will face the pastors' pulpit and also maintain a distance of at least 6-8 feet between other cars.
- 4) The pastors' prayers and sermon, as well as the musicians and singers, will be broadcast using speakers and/or an FM transmitter. Worshipers will be instructed to tune their radios to the appropriate station to hear the service.
- 5) Worshipers will have the option of printing off the worship bulletin at home, viewing it on their phones in their cars, or receiving a copy from a greeter on the church property. Communion Sundays will be advertised beforehand online and in the Good News. Worshipers are welcome to bring their own elements of bread and grape juice to celebrate the sacrament during communion services. APC greeters will also have pre-packaged communion elements available to pass out to those who who need it.
- 6) For mutual safety, Session asks that drivers of vehicles wear a mask at any point of contact with the greeters (bulletins, communion elements, offering, or other).
- 7) Worshipers are asked to remain in their vehicles throughout the service, to maintain appropriate social distance.
- 8) Session asks that anyone needing to get out of their vehicle wear a mask.
- 9) Bathroom facilities will not be available, unless it is an emergency. Worshipers are asked to use the restroom before they leave home. In emergency situations, a greeter can facilitate a restroom visit. Masks will be required. Parents must accompany their children.
- 10) A lane will remain clear throughout the parking lot for a quick, orderly exit in the event of an emergency. In such an event, greeters will instruct and then direct worshipers to quickly move their cars in an organized fashion.
- 11) At the conclusion of the service, worshipers will be directed by the greeters to exit the property in an orderly manner. A basket will be available as worshipers exit the service for anyone who wishes to drop-in an offering. Donations of offering will also be accepted online, via text, or by mailing a check to the church.
- 12) In the event of inclement weather, APC will notify worshipers of any service cancellation or postponement via an email blast, the church website, and a sign at the parking lot entrance.