



Mount Pleasant

Baptist Church

December 9, 2020

Dear Mount Pleasant Family,

Nine months into this season of Covid fluctuations, we continue to look forward to a vaccine on the horizon, to holiday celebrations – some with and some without family gatherings; and to a hope of finally moving beyond these Covid times. But right now, recent upticks in our local community have led to the decision to step back activities and step up precautions for the Mount Pleasant family.

Some measures we've had in place will continue, such as sanitizing regularly in between services, reduced and spaced seating capacity, low-touch doors, touch-free offering times and streaming services.

Our two services will continue, with a Traditional Service at 9:30 am and Contemporary Service at 11 am. But there will be some changes to scheduling and to on-site procedures:

- **Sunday School** Small group classes will not be meeting in person. Tabernacle (elementary-aged worship service), Preschool Worship Service, and childcare for infants and toddlers will be available at the 11 am service, though families are always welcome to worship together in the main service.
- **Midweek** Other ministry events will be limited. This includes stopping our Midweek at the Mount Wednesday night activities.
- **Masks** We are modifying our mask policy. For in-person services and events, we expect everyone ages 5 and up to have and wear a mask. When seated for service masks may be removed, but our rule of thumb is “stand up, mask up” (with the exception of standing as part of the worship service). With varied needs in our church body, and visitors every Sunday, wearing a mask is one way we show love and care for our church family, visitors and community.
- **Special Events** While we hold all plans lightly, *Behold the Lamb of God* during Sunday morning services on December 20 and our Christmas Eve services on Thursday, December 24 remain as planned.

As we've said before, and know you have all felt in your daily lives, these are difficult times with difficult decisions. We realize that not everyone is going to agree with decisions that the pastors have made, but we ask that you continue to pray for us, as we serve the people, ministries and community of Mount Pleasant. Be on the lookout for a video from Pastor Joey this week.

We love you, Mount Pleasant family, and want all of you to stay well and protected. We trust that you will continue to keep your focus on Jesus and love each other faithfully, even as we are disappointed with the need for additional temporary measures.

We are so grateful to the Lord for allowing us the privilege to be ...

Your Pastors

Pastor Joey

Isaiah Oppel

John ...

Meeting for Museo

Brian

Dr. Andrew Buckelmann

Meeting for people where they are and pointing them to Jesus