



Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church  
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Friends,

I'm excited to join you *in person* for worship on Sunday! Yes, you read that correctly! We will be having a *drive-in worship service*, **May 24 at 11am!** While we are still unable to gather together in the tighter space of our sanctuary, we are able to gather together in the much wider space of our parking lot while keeping our distance comfortably within our vehicles.

This is a great opportunity to make memories, share love, and most importantly encounter Christ together.

In order to conduct this service as safely and as comfortably as possible, we have laid out some protocols that will guide us during our time together. Since this will be our first time together in this way, I offer this detailed outline to help you know what to expect. Please take a moment to read through these items so that you are familiar with the procedure.

Before you arrive:

- 1) Glance through these guidelines so you're familiar with our new procedures. Check out the video announcement containing all of this information on our YouTube and Facebook Pages.
- 2) **Check your email later this week for a bulletin** which will include the order of worship and words to songs. *We will not have printed bulletins available.* Please print your own or access it through your electronic device if you would like to follow along.

When you arrive:

- 1) **A parking attendant will help you park.** We ask that larger trucks take a place towards the back to make room for smaller vehicles up front. We encourage you to please turn your engine off.
- 2) Vehicles will be parked 12-15ft apart. You are welcome to exit your vehicle but **please stay within arms' reach of your vehicle.** Some may opt to bring lawn or camping chairs rather than remaining in your vehicle.

While we worship:

- 1) **Please do not approach any person or vehicle unless you are invited.** If you do approach another person or vehicle, please keep 6-10ft distance between parties and we recommend wearing a face mask. We can provide a facemask for you if needed. Please ask a parking attendant.

- 2) **We will have communion!** We have sanitary individual cups with both the bread and juice. The parking attendants will help distribute these when you park, as needed, for your vehicle.
- 3) **The bathrooms in the building will not be open for general use.**

As you leave:

- 1) Please leave according to the parking attendants directions.
- 2) **There will be a drive-thru tithing station set up for contactless delivery of your offering.** You may also want to mail your offering. Or *at some other time during the week* drop it in the box on the left wall near the Fellowship Hall front doors.

Please help us stick to these guidelines. We believe that if we stick to these guidelines, we will have a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all to worship.

*For now, this is our only scheduled drive-in service.* Please stay tuned to our email, phone tree, and Facebook pages for more information regarding any services that may be scheduled in the future.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Mark

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Porterfield". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

P.S. It looks like there is a pretty good chance for rain on Sunday morning. If it is sure to rain, we will cancel the service for this week and reschedule for next week, May 31. The call to cancel will be made by Saturday afternoon.