

# SPIRIT OF SANCTUARY

## GOSHEN CITY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN IN-PERSON WORSHIP PRACTICES



### Effective Aug. 8, 2021

We are so excited to be back in the church building! To ensure our commitment to the Spirit of Sanctuary while the persistent presence of COVID-19 remains with us, please draw your attention to the following practices to be observed:

- **Time in the building will be limited.** Doors will be unlocked at 9:15 a.m. and worship will promptly begin at 9:30. Every effort will be made to limit worship to 45 minutes, to reduce time in the building.
- **Wear your masks.** Face masks must be worn by all individuals over 3 years of age.
- **Sit where you like.** You may sit wherever you like in the available pews, making sure to respect social distancing between family units.
- **Remain seated as much as possible.** Restroom facilities are available, but please return to the sanctuary promptly. Children should be accompanied by a parent.
- **Support our ministries.** Your tithes and offerings are an important part of putting faith into action. Offering plates will be available at the back of the sanctuary for your monetary gifts.
- **Wait for an usher to dismiss you.** At the conclusion of worship services, ushers will dismiss congregants row-by-row. Please wait until an usher comes to you to be dismissed from worship.
- **Catch-up with each other outdoors.** All are invited to gather on the church lawn for fellowship afterwards. Please make your way to the lawn in a timely manner.
- **Children's activities remain on hold.** Sundays will not include children's time or a Christian Education hour. Our crib room is available for children and parents, but will not be staffed by church volunteers.
- **Take a technology break.** After a year and a half on Zoom, we hope you enjoy some "screen-free" worship, and will not use PowerPoint for the time being. Regular and large-print hymnals are available.

Those who are unable or choose not to attend in person are invited to join in a time of prayer and sharing on Zoom from 8:30 to 9 a.m. each Sunday morning.

These practices are also outlined on our website at [www.goshencitycob.org/covid-19](http://www.goshencitycob.org/covid-19). Thank you for your part in maintaining our Spirit of Sanctuary!

### With gratitude,

Mary Frye, Leadership Team chair

Susie Weybright, Worship Team co-chair

Carrie Eikler, COVID-19 Response Team chair and Worship Team co-chair

Dr. Anna Grady, Congregational Medical Officer