

**Church services at First Presbyterian Church of Elmira**  
**procedures during COVID – 19**

1. Wear face masks always in the church. We will supply masks at the entrance to the church for those who do not have one with them.
2. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering.
3. Screening questions will be posted at the door for people to see and confirm that they have none of the symptoms of COVID.

*If you have any of the following symptoms of COVID please do not attend church.*

**FEVER**

**COUGH**

**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

**DIFFICULTY BREATHING**

**SORE THROAT**

**LOSS OF TASTE / SMELL**

**EXPOSURE TO SOMEONE WITH KNOWN OR SUSPECTED COVID IN THE PAST 14 DAYS  
OR TRAVEL TO STATES REQUIRING A 14 DAY SELF QUARANTINE PER NYS.**

4. Sign in on the clip board your name and phone number upon entering the church. There will be lines marked 6 feet apart for social distancing. Please use golf pencils as single use writing utensils and deposit them in the discard bucket for later use. The sign in sheet will include a disclaimer that you have none of the symptoms of COVID.
5. No singing.
6. No passing of microphone. Pastor may use the clip-on type only.
7. Spacing in the pews, every other pew, 4 to a pew, spaced at either ends of the pew. Families of more than 4 can sit together. We will mark the pews so that only every other can be used. Maximum capacity is again per NYS guidelines.
8. One greeter at door to explain social distancing requirements. Counts parishioners also. Another usher will help with seating.
9. Project service, no bulletins.
10. No coffee hour, no grouping together.
11. Leave doors open so there is no touching of handles.
12. No bibles, no hymnals.
13. Collection plates will be placed near the entrance of the sanctuary, not passed but please continue to mail in your donations or use electronic means to contribute as a safer way to donate to our church.
14. No hand shaking, greeting, no passing of the peace.
15. No prayer cards. Prayer requests will be verbal or e-mailed to Tom Leslie (TLeslie@stny.rr.com)
16. Exit from the back of back of the sanctuary first. Please then exit the building as it is safer for all of us to visit outdoors.
17. The service will begin promptly at the posted time and have a total duration of 45 minutes.
18. No child care.