

# Riverchase Baptist



## RBC Church Family,

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, we will reopen the church for in person worship gatherings (10:30 a.m.). We will also continue to simultaneously livestream the worship service via the Riverchase Baptist Church [Facebook](#) page and our [website](#). Our current on campus gatherings will be for the worship service only. Sunday School will continue at 9 a.m. via Zoom for adults and throughout the week for children and youth.

So, what can you expect this Sunday and in the season ahead?

### When you arrive:

- The front main entrance to the sanctuary will be open for you. We ask that you enter in through the main entrance and an usher or greeter will help you find a seat. Designated seating will be identified with decorative cloth. We ask that you move as far forward in the sanctuary as possible when locating a seat.
- The library entrance will be designated for vulnerable or higher risk members. You will enter through the library doors and then enter the sanctuary through the door closest to the Johnson/Powell room. The gold/visitor parking will be designated handicapped parking for ease of access to the sanctuary entrance. If reduced mobility prevents you from entering through the library doors, enter through the main entrance and continue around the coffee station and through the doors closest to the Johnson/Powell room.
- The bathrooms closest to the stairwell on each floor will be available for limited use. We ask that you consider using the restroom only if absolutely necessary. We are also asking that you refrain from using the water fountain. Individual water bottles will be available. At this time, we will not be serving donuts and coffee. However, feel free to bring your own coffee or beverage in a cup with a lid.

**Will childcare or nursery be provided?** During this first phase of regathering childcare and children's activities will not be provided. Children are welcome in the worship service in the sanctuary. However, if your child or family need more space, the Fellowship Hall will have a livestream and designated seating areas available. We are planning on an abbreviated service (45 min rather than an hour) to accommodate families. If you are planning to use the Fellowship Hall area for this first Sunday, please enter through the main entrance and then directly down the stairs or elevator.

**Will there be bulletins?** We will not print or distribute paper bulletins and worship guides at this time. Digital bulletins with song lyrics and the scripture passage will be available at [riverchasebaptist.org/bulletin](http://riverchasebaptist.org/bulletin) as well as on the projector screens. The digital bulletin will also have a link to online giving during the offertory. Additionally, in lieu of passing the offering plate we will provide an offering plate in the foyer as you enter or leave.

**Will we wear masks?** Masks are not required. However, we ask that you approach coming to worship the same way you would go to the store or to other public gatherings. Masks are not

provided by RBC but are available if you should arrive and forget yours and feel more comfortable wearing one once in the service.

**Will we sing?** Worship through song is a vital part of the congregational gathering. We will be led in song by our worship team. However, we ask that if you participate in singing that you remain seated while singing and that you sing softly. We also ask that you consider wearing a mask if you plan on participating by singing.

**When you leave:** After the benediction you will be dismissed by sections so as to provide ample space for leaving. We ask that you fellowship outside in the parking lot and in open air spaces rather than in the foyer. Afterwards, we will sanitize the sanctuary, foyer, and other high traffic areas to reset for mid-week rehearsal and the following week's service.

**Is it okay if I'm not ready to come back?** [Yes](#). We know that there are many questions yet to be answered and every person's situation is unique. This first day back is only the first step, in the first phase of a multi-phase process to get to a full "relaunch" of church gatherings and programming. While optimistic, we are approaching each step with caution and we encourage you to do so as well.

We are excited about worshipping with you, whether in person or virtually, and our desire is to provide a worshipful experience through both avenues of participation. Please let us know if you have any further questions or ways that we can serve you in this season.

***RBC Church Council and Ministry Staff***