

Kitchissippi United Church
Indoor Worship Protocol
(Updated September 9, 2021)

Starting September 12, 2021, we will welcome up to 50 people in the Sanctuary for worship. This does not include the Worship leaders, musicians, ushers and A/V team.

We strongly request that for those 12 years and over only fully vaccinated people (2 doses, at least 2 weeks prior to the service) attend indoor worship. This is for your own protection and that of other congregation members. Proof of immunization will not be required. On line worship will still be available for those who cannot attend in person

To join in the in-person worship at Kitchissippi UC, there are several precautions that you will have to accept: wearing masks at all times inside the building (unless you are preaching or reading scripture), maintaining a safe distance of 2 metres (6 feet) between you and people not within your bubble, and sanitizing your hands upon entry to the church.

There are also many conditions that you will need to respect:

1. You will need to make a reservation for yourself or group, either using the on-line reservation system or by phoning or emailing Kirsten. Details are available on the church website and in the Friday File.
 - a. When you make the reservation, you will be required to provide names and contact information for everyone in your group to be used for contact tracing if necessary.
 - b. Reservations will be taken online starting 7 days prior to the service. On the Eventbrite form there will be a link to the Ontario Public Health COVID Screening Tool. Please complete it within 72 hours of the service. If you have any positive answers, please cancel you reservation and **DO NOT ATTEND**. The closing time for online registration is 9pm on the Friday before. This allows time for the list to be printed and distributed to the Usher Captain.
2. Entrance to the Sanctuary will be through the front doors of the church.
3. Ushers will seat you starting at the front of the church. You must remain in your bubble in your assigned seats. At the end of the service you will exit through the Narthex starting with the back row.
4. There will be **NO** singing or humming, not even quietly. The **ONLY** exception will be musicians at the front of the Sanctuary who will use a plexiglass shield.
5. There will be no Sunday School or Childcare in the church. Your child(ren) must remain with you at all times. There will be **NO** activities available at the church. Your child may bring their own that must be taken with you at the end of the service.
6. Sunday service will be contactless. There will be no bulletins or papers and hymn books and Bibles will have been removed from the pews.
7. There will be no coffee or fellowship time after the service. Socializing may occur outside the building while maintaining social distancing.

8. There will be offering baskets at the entrance to the Sanctuary. The counting of the offering will be done right after the service, with thorough hand washing and sanitizing of surfaces touched upon completion.
9. The bathrooms by the Hall will be available for use after the service. Please wait until the sanctuary is empty before moving. There will be hand sanitizer available for use before entering the bathroom and wipes to use to clean surfaces for the next occupant.
10. If someone at one of our indoor services develops symptoms and tests positive for COVID-19 following the service, Ottawa Public Health will do the contact tracing if we give them our list of people who were at the service with either a phone number or e-mail address for each person. We will inform those who were at the service that someone there tested positive and that they will each be contacted by Ottawa Public Health, so that call doesn't come as a surprise. There is no need to inform the congregation of the identity of the person who tested positive, which would infringe on patient confidentiality.