

Reopening Plan

Church attendance in person is not mandatory. It is voluntary.

To participate, you will need to pre-register for your desired service time and reserve your spot, as only 30 families or 100 members will be permitted entry until further notice or removal of social distancing restrictions from federal, state and local authorities.

****Face coverings will be required (age 9+) during worship while the Fort Bend County's Face Covering Order remains in effect.***

Critical Guidelines for Resuming Public Worship

- ***Anyone planning to attend should be symptom-free and not considered “at-risk.”***
- ***If you feel sick – you must stay home!***
- ***If you feel well but are running a fever – you must stay home!***
- ***If you feel well but are sneezing or coughing frequently – please stay home.***
- ***Do not shake hands or engage in physical contact when greeting others (outside your household).***
- ***Practice good hygiene:***
 - ***Do not touch your face.***
 - ***Frequently, wash hands with soap and hot water for more than 20 seconds.***
 - ***If you must sneeze or cough – use a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.***
 - ***Avoid prolonged close proximity when socializing.***
 - ***Use hand sanitizer (placed at the entrance and inside the sanctuary).***

Simplified Flow Chart for Worship

- A. Park Vehicle.
- B. Enter ONLY through the Front Right Church Door marked “ENTER” leading to the front lobby.
- C. Volunteers will do body temperature checks at the front lobby.
- D. Use hand sanitizer before entering the church (Hands-free Hand sanitizer is on the wall)
- E. Follow usher’s guidance.
- F. Move to a sanctuary pew location where marked.
- G. When Holy Communion is offered, follow the guidelines providing by Ushers.
- H. You may leave your financial gift in the offering plate located near the entrance/exit or at the front.
- I. At the conclusion of worship, exit through the sanctuary doors on the *Left side* marked “EXIT”.

General Guidelines Selecting and Registering for Church Service

- **Attendance is limited to 30 families/100 spaces per service!**
- Register on our website at www.immanuelmtc.org/registration (scroll up and click the "signup" button). Registration link also sent via email. Each Service is limited to 30 families/100 members. You are allowed to come for service only after receiving the confirm email or text from Secretary. If you have not received confirmation, please assume that your space is not reserved and refrain from attending service.

General Guidelines for Parking and Entering the Sanctuary

- You may utilize any of our parking spaces.
 - *****However***** only the Church Main entrance doors are available to enter the church. Side doors are not allowed to enter the church.
 - An usher will guide you to one of the designated places to sit. Please follow usher's guidance.

General Guidelines for Your Health and Safety During Worship

- Because your health and safety are our highest priority...
 - All hymnals have been removed. Hymns will be projected on the video screens.
 - The order of worship will be on the screens.
 - Offering plates will NOT be passed around. You may leave your financial gift to the Lord by placing it in an offering plate located near the entry/exit locations, at either the beginning or conclusion of worship. You can pay by Check or one of the online methods (Detailed instructions are listed below)
 - Volunteers will disinfect inside the sanctuary and all surfaces that hands touch between services (e.g. door handles, railings, bathroom fixtures, etc.)
 - Achens are available at the conclusion of worship but will not be shaking hands or engaging in physical contact.
 - Please monitor and limit your contact with members outside your household.

General Guidelines for Restroom & Drinking Fountain Usage

- You are encouraged to use the restroom at home before attending worship service to minimizing the use of Church Restrooms due to limitations.
- Minimize the use of Church Restrooms. One person at a time.
- Volunteers may be present to sanitize the restrooms on a continual basis.
- Avoid drinking from Church Fountains. Bring bottled water for your use.

Please note that as per CDC, the safest way to minimize chances of contracting COVID-19 due to the possibility of being an asymptomatic carrier is by self-quarantining and maintaining limited interactions between yourself and other individuals outside of your family. There will always be a greater than zero risk as we attempt to resume in-person worship. However, all the measures listed above, limited occupancy and sanitizing protocols, are made with the utmost concern of providing a safe worship environment. If you have any doubts, fears, or concerns, we kindly request you refrain from attending for your own best interest. We appreciate your caution and care for yourself and fellow parishioners.

If You Prefer to Worship Virtually Through Technology

- LIVESTREAM – through YouTube, Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.
- WEBSITE – immanuelmtc.org where you can access “YOUTUBE”.

CHURCH PAYMENT OPTIONS

Paying by Check:

Make Check payable to "IMTC" and send the check address to:

The Vicar
Immanuel Mar Thoma Church
10212 Fountain Gate Dr
Stafford, Texas 77477.

Online Payment:

We can choose one of the following on-line methods to pay church dues:

From your Bank account: Pay Bills; add a new recipient/biller - Immanuel Mar Thoma Church, 12803 Sugar Ridge Blvd., Stafford, Texas 77477, Tel: 713 330 5299. Once the payee is added; click pay and schedule a payment for whatever amount and date you wish to pay. On the reference area please mention your church ID Number and description (annual contribution, donation, birthday...etc.). Finally click Pay this bill. Your bank will automatically send a check to our church on the scheduled date completely free of charge.

Pay Directly to the Church Account

Automated transfers from your bank account to church account.

Bank Name: TrustMark
Account number: 3000153957
Routing number: 065300279

Pay using Paypal

Account PayPal @ <https://www.paypal.com/us/home>;
Log-in to your PayPal account,
click send and type in our email: immanuelmtconline@gmail.com