

First Baptist Church of Marion, NC
In-Person Worship Guidelines: Phase 2

- While recognizing that this is a personal decision, all adults are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine before returning to in-person worship.
- Seating is on a first come basis. No reservations required.
- Effective April 25, maximum capacity in the Sanctuary is set at 100 and in the Fellowship Hall at 50, where the worship service may be watched on the video screens.
- Some sanctuary pews are roped off to create a safer environment. Worshippers should use their best judgement choosing where to sit in the pews that are open, always maintaining appropriate social distance.
- Access to FBC buildings is only through the Fellowship Hall lobby doors, which are unlocked each Sunday morning at 10:30AM. (Starting May 9, as Sunday school resumes, doors will be unlocked at 9:30AM.)
- Greeters welcome and count all those attending worship. Once the maximum number of 100 is met in the Sanctuary, all others are directed to sit in the Fellowship Hall.
- Service bulletins are provided by the Greeters upon entry into the worship space.
- If you are sick or have been in contact with someone who is sick over the last week, do not attend in-person worship. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has tested positive over the last 2 weeks, do not come to in-person worship.
- Face coverings required, except when speaking or singing as a leader in the service. Please bring your own face mask. For anyone without a face covering, disposable face masks are available. Preschool children are exempt from this requirement.
- Reserve close contact only with those who are a part of your household or your group of regular exposure. For those outside your family or group of regular exposure, please maintain social distance.
- Offering plates are not passed from person-to-person. To give your tithes, stationary collection plates are available in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Online giving is encouraged.
- No congregational singing currently. Worship music includes instrumental and choral pieces sung from the choir loft at a greatly increased social distance.
- Services are intentionally shorter in duration, approximately 45 minutes.
- Upon completion of worship services, please make an orderly exit from the building, avoiding crowding and respecting social distance. Sanctuary participants primarily use the three Main Street exits. Fellowship Hall participants primarily use the lobby and side door exits.
- No Sunday School or childcare provided currently. Families with children are encouraged to come and be part of worship. The congregation is encouraged to be welcoming and gracious towards families with children, knowing that children process worship in their own ways and may not be as attentive as adults. Sunday School and nursery care will resume on Sunday, May 9.
- Restrooms are available with reduced capacity.
- FBC's custodians work diligently to sanitize church facilities after each use.