

# HOPE RISES

Plans to be Together Again



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The new decade began on a high note and in less than 3 months all of our lives were upended by the spread of COVID-19. On March 21st, the Governor issued an executive order mandating each NJ resident to shelter at home.

The order is set to expire on June 6. This order required our ministry to adjust to remote services and thankfully, we were already prepared. To ensure a safe return when the time is right, we have created a "phased-in" approach.

As the time for the stay at home order expires, we are prepared—even, eager—to rejoin our brothers and sisters in public worship and an atmosphere of safety and security. Be assured, **we will not put any of our partners or guests in harm's way.** Whenever the order is lifted, we will take at least 7 to 14 days to prepare to re-open.





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Hope Rises, our three-phase plan, will ensure that we can worship collectively and safely. Our team is taking every effort to ensure that we are in compliance with the local, state and federal recommendations while moving to restart our vital in-person ministry.

As always, you are encouraged to gauge your comfortability with returning to public worship. Throughout these phases, we recommend high-risk individuals, as identified by the CDC, remain home and worship remotely. We will care for you!





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## PHASE ONE: ALL SERVICES ONLINE

- Phase 1 to continue through June 20th.
- All services, Small Groups, and Growth Track will be held online.
- No Campus activities.
- A deep and thorough cleaning of all campus buildings will be performed by a licensed sanitation professional June 3-4.
- Our Dream Team is being retrained to operate in a limited contact environment.
- Ultraviolet Air Scubbers will be installed to all HVAC systems in the FLC by May 29.



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*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.  
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a  
future and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11 NLT*



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## PHASE TWO:

## MODIFIED RETURN TO CAMPUS

- Phase 2 start date: June 21st
- Masks are required to be worn by all attendees.
- Attendance at services is voluntary and if any person feels uncomfortable they should use their discretion.
- Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should remain home to protect themselves and others.
- Upon arrival and departure, social distancing should be observed through all available entrances and exits.
- There will be a limited seating capacity to ensure that social distancing is practiced.
- Reservations will be required for each service up to 25% occupancy. All worshippers will be given a designated seat.



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- Drive-In Service will be available at all 3 morning services.
- Parking and greeting will remain contactless and doors will be held open.
- Cars should park in every other space.
- Online giving is encouraged; however, those desiring to give will have free standing receptacles located in the back of the auditorium.
- For altar prayer, worshippers should stand instead of kneel and maintain social distancing indicated by markers on the floor.
- Only 1 person will be allowed in the restroom at a time. Only the main restrooms will remain opened.



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- The bookstore and cafe will not re-open and all seating areas have been temporarily removed.
- Hope Kids will not re-open, but we encourage families to bring children to service. Child masks are at the discretion of the Parents.
- Hospitality Stations will not re-open.
- Gloves and masks will be available to all who want or need them.
- All members of the Dream Team will wear masks and gloves.

Between Service Cleaning – A professional sanitation contractor will sanitize all bathrooms, surfaces, seats and door handles.

Weekly Cleaning – A professional sanitation contractor will disinfect the building and all surfaces.



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*And this hope will not lead to disappointment.  
For we know how dearly God loves us, because he  
has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with  
his love. Romans 5:5 NLT*



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## PHASE THREE: RETURN TO NEW NORMAL

- Phase 3 start date: TBA
- We will return to regular worship without social distancing but will continue sanitation between each services.
- Hope Kids will return with sanitization practices between each service.
- Small Groups and Growth Track will meet in person.



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*This hope is a strong and trustworthy  
anchor for our souls. Hebrews 6:19 NLT*



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*"We are together again!"*