Gathered for Strength FAQ

Which service should I attend?

In order for our church family to gather in two services at appropriate social distances, we strongly suggest you and your family attend corporate worship based on the following adult BFG schedule:

8:50 Service: Christianity 101 (Leader: Kevin Yu), Disciples (Leader: Joe Cooke), Foundations (Leader: Breck Gould), Good Samaritan (Leader: Mary Ann Johnson), Harrodsburg (Leader: Justin Camblin), I2 (Leader: Jon Canler), Monticello (Leader: Kenneth Clayton), Pridemore (Leader: Kevin Pridemore), Seekers (Leader: Richard Shultz), Walker Memorial (Leader: Don Hargis), Young Professionals (Leader: Russ Russell)

11:11 Service: Acts 29 (Leaders: Jonathan Stiles & Sam Wood), Agape (Leader: Roger Holland), Andover (Leader: Ryan Tenges), Burnt Mill (Leader: Pastor Nate), Fellowship (Leader: Jacob Moore), Johnston (Leader: Ryan Muchow), Men's 1 & 2 (Leader: Chris Felty), Shining Lights (Leaders: Pat Hisel & Judi Prince), Soldados (Leader: William Sanchez)

Where should I park?

There are no restrictions where people can park. Our lot is large and spacious for two services.

Should I wear a mask?

We strongly suggest that you wear a face mask from your car to your seat upon entering and from your seat to your car upon dismissal. During worship, we suggest that you do what you prefer in regard to face masks. We assume that most people will follow our guidance about face masks. But, we also understand and support those who have physical and/or mental conditions that make wearing a face mask impossible or unwise. A few others may simply be opposed to wearing a face mask for other personal reasons. Our suggestions are just that: suggestions. We trust you to honor Christ, respect others, and assume the best regarding the decisions of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

How will we make sure people are not sitting too close to one another?

We have developed a seating plan based on family size utilizing the CDC recommendation of 6' per family separation guideline (side-to-side and front to back). Pews will be clearly marked indicating where people can sit and the space that is "unavailable." Ushers will seat your family in accordance with our seating plan so that you can be assured your family can sit together at proper social distances from others. Family units can sit together provided that they reside in the same home.

You will be able to enter the Great Commission Center through the front doors, the rear doors, and the office doors 15 minutes prior to the service start time. The Journey Entrance will be closed as that location will serve as an overflow area. Once inside the building, we ask that you enter the Worship Center through its main rear doors. We will have Frontline servants opening each exterior door while the main Worship Center doors will be propped open to ensure a "touchless" entry.

Will the restrooms be open?

Yes. Restrooms will be open, but we ask that you keep 6 feet of distance between yourself and others at all times. You should enter the restrooms through the Family Center and exit into the Main Hall. Should a line form, the line will queue along the perimeter wall of the Family Center, men to the side with the Ashland wall pad and women to the kitchen side, in order to keep the Main Hall from becoming excessively crowded.

How will the offering be received?

Offering plates will not be passed. There will be boxes at each exit to the building where you can give once the service is dismissed. You can continue to give online at ashlandlex.org/give or by mailing your offering to the church office (483 W. Reynolds Rd, Lexington, KY 40503).

Will there be children's ministry available?

Nursery, preschool, and children's worship rooms are not resuming at this time. We look forward to children of all ages gathering with us in our approximately one hour long corporate worship services.

What do I do if I need to leave the worship service with my kids?

We are excited about the fact that kids of all ages, even our littlest ones, will be joining us for corporate worship. We expect the little ones to make noises, and we expect that parents will be moving more freely in, out, and around during the worship services in these days when young children are being taught how to engage in corporate worship. Bringing your children to the worship service is a discipleship moment that we want you to engage and embrace, not fear or fret over. Your children will be a blessing, not a distraction.

If you need to leave the service with your kids, do not worry. Three BFG rooms in the main hallway across from the Men's and Women's Restroom (Rooms 125, 127, 128) will function as cry rooms. Cry Room signs will be posted over the doors to help you identify the rooms. You can also be in the hallways or Crossroads area as needed. We ask that you do practice social distancing should you need to step out of the worship service.

Will there be a nursing mothers' room available?

Yes. Our ordinary cry room (Room 129), adjacent to the Worship Center, will be converted to a nursing mothers' room.

Will there be on-campus BFGs?

No. BFGs will continue to meet online via Zoom and other technology at this time.

What if I cannot come to the worship service due to health or other concerns?

If you cannot attend, we encourage you to check out our livestream. Both the 8:50 and the 11:11 services will be livestreamed on our website (ashlandlex.org/live) and on our Facebook page (facebook.com/AshlandAvenue).