



## West Flamboro Presbyterian Church

*Inspired by Love; Motivated to Mission*

September 2, 2020

To the family of West Flamboro,

March 17, 2020 is a day that I will never forget.

On that day, I facilitated meetings to close both of the church buildings in my care due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm not going to lie – it was a very hard day for me and I shed a few tears.

In the months since then, the rule book on how we 'do church' has been thrown out. The Rev. Dr. Ian McPhee has become a YouTube sensation (!) with his engaging messages recorded from his dining room table. We have kept in touch with our church family – by phone, email, cards, letters, social media, and the occasional social distanced visit. No matter how you are personally experiencing this pandemic, one thing is for certain – God has never left our side. He is faithful and true and as the Apostle Paul said in his letter to the Romans, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

It is with great pleasure – and praise to our Lord – that I announce that West Flamboro Presbyterian Church will re-open for in-person worship on **Sunday September 13, 2020**. What a blessing it will be to worship God together again!

A group of dedicated people, in consultation with the Session, have been working on a plan to re-open the building so that we can worship in-person safely. We have been working with re-opening guidelines from the City of Hamilton, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Province of Ontario, Public Health Ontario, and our insurance provider. We are also aware that many people may not be ready to worship in-person yet, so we will continue to record services for our YouTube channel and post sermons on our web site.

Please see page 2 of this letter so you know what to expect for in-person worship.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 905-483-3013 or your elder.

In Christ's Service,

**Rev. Emma**

Rev. Emma Duncan  
Interim Moderator

*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,  
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 8:38-39*

Following the re-opening guidelines from the City of Hamilton, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Province of Ontario, Public Health Ontario, and our insurance provider, here's what you can expect for worship at West Flamboro:

### *Please...*

- ✚ Stay home if you feel unwell
- ✚ Wear a mask or face covering as per the City of Hamilton's [bylaw](#) (exceptions will be made if you cannot wear a mask for health reasons)
- ✚ Maintain physical distance with everyone except those in your 'bubble'
- ✚ Bring your own Bible, water, Kleenex (and pew pillow!)
- ✚ Enter via the Middletown Road or accessible entrance
- ✚ At each entrance, you will be greeted by ushers who will:
  - Ask you screening questions
  - Record your name for contact tracing purposes
  - Direct you to use hand sanitizer as you enter the building
  - Direct you to your pew

### *There will be...*

- ✚ No distribution of printed materials
- ✚ No congregational singing
- ✚ No Sunday School (an activity bag will be provided upon your arrival)
- ✚ No indoor fellowship time (you are welcome to connect outside after the service)

### *And also...*

- ✚ The building will be cleaned each week
- ✚ The washrooms on the main floor will be open, but will be limited to 1 person at a time. There will be a sanitization station in the hallway.

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**Thank you for your patience and understanding  
as we adapt to the changes that we are facing.  
As the situation evolves, we will all have to be flexible!**

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