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Giving Hope Today

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Dear Friends

I am thrilled to share that we have received approval from the Salvation Army to commence Sunday church services starting on Thanksgiving Sunday October 11, 2020. In order to comply with Ontario Health guidelines as well as instructions received from The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters, we need to insist that you keep in mind the following items that will need to be observed by everyone attending Church:

◆ Attendance is limited to 30% of our church capacity so you will need to call the church office no later than Thursday of each week at 905-372-3832 or email Kate Gordon at cobourgsalvationarmy@gmail.com or Lisa Graham at sayouthpastor@gmail.com to let us know you are attending so that we do not go over the maximum number of worshippers we are allowed. **Please call the call or email the church office before 4 pm on Thursday to reserve your spot.**

◆ Congregation members who are medically vulnerable, demonstrating symptoms consistent with COVID 19 or in a high-risk age bracket are strongly encouraged to delay your return to our services until it is safe to do so.

Our Sunday morning worship services will continue to be livestreamed on the Cobourg Community Church Facebook page.

◆ **Transportation to and from the service will not be available at this time. So please make your own arrangements.**

◆ **Plan to arrive at the church no more than 20 minutes before the service starts.** As you know from all the COVID information, physical distancing of 2 metres is mandatory and so we will have to restrict our "visiting" to the parking lot. Once inside the church, you will be guided to your seat and asked to stay there until service is over.

◆ **Everyone will be required to enter the building one at a time (or in family units if you live together).** You will be required to enter the building through the parking lot door and exit through the side door facing Ballantine. Please maintain the two-metre distancing while you are waiting to enter or exit the building.

◆ **Once inside the building, you will be met by an usher who will greet you and provide you with hand sanitizer.** Everyone entering the building for worship, must wash their hands. **This is not optional.** If you cannot tolerate the sanitizing solution, we will provide a basin of soap and water.

◆ For the purpose of contact tracing an usher will also be required to check you in upon arrival at the Church.

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◆ **Face masks are required while in doors as per existing health regulations.** Single use masks will be provided if you need one. We have spaced the chairs in the sanctuary so that no one is sitting directly in front of another person.

◆ A second usher will guide you to a seat. Hopefully, you will be able to sit close to where you like to sit, but we cannot guarantee this as we must maintain two metre distances between all worshippers. Exceptions are made only for those who live in the same household.

◆ **Parents are responsible to ensure that their children remain with them at all times,** no wandering from seat to seat or outside of the designated worship areas for the duration of the service.

◆ There will no children's programs such as I Church, Junior Church or Nursery offered at this time.

◆ **Worship** - Both the Band and the Worship team will be leading us in worship. One of the biggest challenges is that we are not permitted to have congregational singing as singing is considered a high risk for transmission of the virus. While we cannot sing, we believe we can still worship with our hearts. So, we will be encouraging you to participate by listening, mediating on the words on the screen, clapping along or raising your hands.

Offering: A box or offering plate will be placed on a table at the door to the sanctuary for you to give your weekly tithes and offerings as you exit at the conclusion of the service. We know that some of you are currently using preauthorized payment methods or mailing in cheques we would encourage you to continue to do if you would prefer.

◆ Those attending the service will only have access to the Sanctuary and Handicap washroom. All other rooms – Corps Office, Gymnasium, Primary Rooms, Nursery and Kitchen will be locked and unavailable during worship service times.

◆ **There will not be any coffee or food served at church for the foreseeable future.**

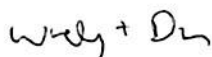
◆ **At the end of service, please remain in your seat until an usher guides you to leave.**

It will be very difficult for us, but we must maintain two metre distancing at all times. Therefore, we remind you that **all physical contact, such as hugs, handshaking or passing objects between individuals, is not permitted.**

It is imperative that we keep in mind the importance of practicing proper hand hygiene and coughing/sneezing etiquette. This includes frequent hand washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and avoiding touching your face, mouth, nose, and eyes.

We are looking forward to worship and to seeing you again! Feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely



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