



## BOARD OF ELDERS

Dear Valley Family,

Your church leaders believe that we are entering a new season in the COVID-19 pandemic. As vaccination rates continue to rise, our assessment of whether or not to meet in person has changed once again. Although the marked increase in cases that caused us to decide not to gather in person indoors on Easter Sunday continues to be a concern, we are hopeful that trend reverses over the next few weeks.

The framework we were using over the last few months was based on information and guidance from January/February when the vaccine rollout plans in Minnesota were still relatively unknown. The Board of Elders has determined that with vaccination efforts successfully underway, and the State not issuing more restrictions or guidance, meeting in person for full worship services does not pose an additional risk of adding to community spread of COVID-19 from our small church family.

We have additional preparations to make to be ready for in-person Sunday Worship, and we also wish to see case rates decline. **Considering this, we will return to in-person, live and live-streamed, Sunday Worship Service beginning Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** This includes programming for children during the worship service.

State guidelines and requirements for face coverings and physical distancing remain in place, and we will be adhering to those guidelines and requirements.

We are committed to providing a quality worship experience for those choosing to worship in-person, as well as continuing a high-quality online worship experience. We encourage you to make sound decisions regarding your own vulnerability to COVID-19 exposure.

The Valley website ([valleycc.org](http://valleycc.org)) will have the most current information on what phase we are in and what programming is being offered in-person, online, or a hybrid of either. We will also communicate any anticipated phase and programming changes through our emails and on our private and public Facebook pages.

Thank you for your continued patience, cooperation, and love for others as we continue through the pandemic, and forward to sustained in-person gatherings. God is with us and will continue to see us through these challenging times. Through His will, and by the Spirit, we will remain His Church!

### The Valley Christian Church Board of Elders

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