



The Free Reformed Church
of St. Thomas

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Dear Congregation,

We thank the Lord for the positive news we heard yesterday in the announcement from the Ontario government regarding worship services opening up:

- Outdoor services are permitted and have no capacity limits as long as physical distancing can be maintained.
- Indoor services can have 15% capacity in each room.

Beginning this Lord's Day, June 13, we plan to make use of both venues and hold two indoor/outdoor services at 9:30am and 4:00pm:

- The pulpit will still be on the wagon but relocated to face the grassy section.
- The service will be livestreamed inside the sanctuary, where up to 70 people can gather.
- The FM transmitter will continue to be used for any who need to remain in their vehicles.
- The nursery will be open. More details to follow.

Congregation, it has been a very long time since we were all together. We have noted that Pastor Eric has yet to preach with the entire congregation in front of him. Although the circumstances are not yet perfectly ideal and there are still discomforts to overcome, we strongly urge each and every one of you to heed the call of the Lord through His elders to worship in person as we joyfully gather as a full congregation this coming Lord's Day!

Further practical guidelines for the services:

- Please bring your own lawn chair, Psalter, and Bible. You may also want to bring an umbrella to protect from sunshine or in case of mild precipitation.
- Please sit only with members of your household.
- There will be speakers projecting the service across the lawn. Please do not bring radios and tune in, as there may be a slight lag while using the FM station.
- The regulations allow for outdoor worship services but not social gatherings. Please be aware of this in the way that you interact with each other following the service.
- Please reserve some spaces in the parking lot for those who would like to remain in their vehicle (picture on next page)



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It's possible that an outdoor service may attract attention from the public who may not realize that this is permissible under the regulations. What we are planning is completely permitted under the current regulations and so let us move forward confidently in the worship of our great Lord! Please allow the consistory to handle any complaints or interruptions should they arise.

As consistory, we are very much looking forward to gathering with the whole congregation in this way. May the Lord bless our efforts to the praise of His holy Name, the building up of His church, and the salvation of the watching world.

If you have any questions about this, please ask your elder.

With love,
The Consistory

