

FAQs

Frequently ask questions regarding in-person worship at Arapaho UMC, 1400 Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas 75080

Why are we starting in person worship?

Our Episcopal leader- Bishop Michael McKee has allowed the churches of the North Texas Annual Conference to begin in-person worship. Many of our members expressed a desire to the pastor to begin in person worship.

What about those who are not ready for in person worship?

We understand that all our members are not comfortable with in person worship. Those who feel unsafe in public settings are urged to remain at home. We ask that they continue to watch our worship service that will be streamed live from Arapaho UMC at 1:30 on Facebook and www.theparkumc.org

Why aren't we worshipping at our church?

Our campus is in the midst of repair and restoration. The February 13-24, 2021, winter storm caused pipes to burst on our campus. The water damage at our campus, and across the state was extensive. It will be a lengthy process.

How long will we worship at Arapaho UMC?

We predict at least two months. This is just a guestimate. Insurance companies, adjusters and repair persons are backlogged because of the state-wide damage. Over 100 United Methodist Churches in our North Texas Conference experienced broken water pipes.

How was Arapaho UMC selected?

The pastor of Arapaho UMC, Rev. Scott Gilliland, reached out to our pastor with a gracious offer to use their sanctuary for our services. We accepted the offer due to Arapaho UMC's proximity to the church, spacious parking, and their beautiful sanctuary that is decorated with liturgical colors.

Why is the service time in the afternoon?

A one hour gathering is recommended by COVID protocol. Our service begins at 1:30. This allows the Arapaho UMC members time to complete their morning services and gives our worship team one hour to set up.

What COVID- protocols will be utilized?

All worshippers will be masked.

Persons who have been vaccinated and have not vaccinated may attend.

Once inside worshippers will apply hand sanitizer, check in at the registration desk, and sign in, in case there is a need for trace contacting.

Ushers will seat worshippers to get the maximum number of worshippers inside. Seating will be spaced six feet apart. Families will be seated together.

Online offering is recommended. Those who prefer to bring checks and cash to the service are asked to deposit them in them in a receptacle at the front door upon exiting.

At the end of the service, the Ushers will dismiss by rows from the back of the sanctuary. There will be no clustering inside the building.

Why do I need to register to attend services?

To observe COVID protocol we must keep a maximum number of 100 persons in the sanctuary. The fairest way to do this is by seat registration.

How will Holy Communion be handled?

We will use the pre-filled communion cups.

Where is Arapaho UMC?

This church is located 10 miles, 5 minutes from Hamilton Park UMC. The easiest way to find it from our church is to take Forest Lane West to Coit Road. Drive north on Coit Road until you reach the intersection of Coit Road and Arapaho Road. Arapaho UMC is on this corner on the left-hand side.