



## OXFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Reverend Ethelyn R. Taylor, Pastor*

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Dear Church Members and Friends

I greet you in the Joy of Jesus!

I hope that this letter finds each of you doing well and thriving in your continued walk with the Lord. This past year and a half has been a most challenging time in the life of the Church as we experienced COVID-19 and are still going through some uncertainties with this new variant virus. We have been on a wilderness journey during this pandemic and social unrest, causing us to reexamine who God is in our lives, and who we are as the Body of Christ. We have been confined to our houses, our routines disrupted, and our connection with family and friends limited to screen time, phone calls and the occasional card or letter. But I believe that the Lord has uniquely placed us in a time in history to make an impact on those around us. We have an awesome opportunity, as we continue to seek the Lord, to allow Him to focus our attention on His mission and calling for Oxford. My prayer is that we will continue to seek His face together in the days, weeks and months ahead.

After reviewing the CDC and the City of Philadelphia's guidelines on in-door gatherings, I am pleased to let you know that the Session has approved to offer in-person worship gatherings in the Sanctuary beginning Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:00a.m. Please note that these in-persons services will be livestreamed.

Precautions will be taken to provide a clean safe, ventilated environment. Initially, there will be limited access to the building – The Narthex, The Sanctuary, and the bathrooms off the Sanctuary. There will be **no**

Fellowship Hour after the Service. Members may meet and greet each other outdoors.

We ask that you pay attention to the signs posted and comply with the requests. Ushers will be in attendance to help you where necessary.

**Regardless of vaccination status masks and social distancing will be required at all times. There will be a limited number of attendees. Families will be able to be seated together for worship.**

**We are asking that if you are not fully vaccinated that you continue to view the services on live stream and do not attend in-person services at this time. Once you are fully vaccinated, please join us.**

Entry will be through the Narthex door and exit will be through the side door of the church.

All hymn books and bibles have been removed from the pews and TV monitors have been placed in and around the sanctuary where you will be able to see and follow our Worship Outline for the day.

There will be changes in the way we meet and greet one another. Please be cooperative with the ushers' requests upon entering and leaving the building.

There will be other precautions in place for you (masks, sanitizers, etc.) and ventilation.

Let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to worshipping in the sanctuary beginning on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

May the peace of God be with you!

Rev. Ethelyn R. Taylor, Pastor

Elder Lloyd Higgins, Clerk of Session

Elders June Higgins, Marie China-Hightower, Co- Chairs, Worship and Sacrament

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