



# NASSAU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Gathering Covenant

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself”*

*Luke 10:27*

*“The people of Nassau Presbyterian Church celebrate and demonstrate God’s love  
through worship and service in Princeton and through our lives and work in the world”*

*Nassau Church Mission Statement*

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Central to our yearning to demonstrate God’s love and to love our neighbors is a concern for one another’s health and the commitment to keep one another safe. Outdoor gatherings at Nassau Church serve to extend our worship and fellowship beyond the building at 61 Nassau Street out into our community during this time. As we move forward in faith together, we shall by God’s grace and in the power of the Holy Spirit, covenant with one another when we gather.

We will honor our collective goal glorifying Jesus Christ, loving each other and taking all steps we can to keep each other safe. To do that, we will

- Not attend a Large Group activity if experiencing a cough, fever, or other COVID symptoms, or if we have had contact with a person with a COVID diagnosis or COVID symptoms
- Listen to each member’s concerns and needs for safety and health and work for the full inclusion of all in group activities
- When we gather outdoors and in person, we will
  - Wear masks and maintain social distancing
  - Be in a setting that allows for enough space to social distance
  - Refrain from any physical contact, support those who request further distance, and help remind those who struggle to keep distance
  - Bring our own food and drinks and refrain from communal sharing of food

With our participation in Large Groups, we will support the theological conviction that the groups represent the breadth of our faith community. To do that, we will

- Participate virtually or in person meetings within assigned groups
- Refrain from combining or making groups bigger
- Refrain from changing group assignment or inviting others to a group activity without a conversation with the group leadership or church staff member
- Promote our group’s activities on email or church managed platforms rather than wider, unsecure social media

As we worship together in Large Groups, we shall seek to be creative and safe regarding all liturgical elements of worship. To do that, we will

- Allow family groups to be closer than socially distant
- Refrain from communal singing
- Resist the urge to pass the peace or greet one another even with a fist or elbow bump
- Provide our own elements if we partake of communion
- Allow speakers, readers, or soloists to unmask only if even further social distance is established.

As in all aspects of our life together, we seek to glorify God and honor Jesus Christ in all that we and do. Thanks be to God.