# Ways to Use the Covenant

A covenant is one way to ensure your members are all on board with the same practices of care when you return to in-person worship. We have provided a covenant adapted from the Wisconsin Council of Churches which can be used as is or adapted as needed. In terms of giving weight to the covenant here are two possible ways to use the covenant; it will be important to consider how you will choose to live into the covenant (ie: enforce its practices):

* The session approves the covenant at a stated meeting and sends it to the members prior to re-turning and posts it at entry points. Those who will not abide by the covenant are asked to remain at home.
* A copy is sent to all members who send either an email agreement or mailed in signature prior to returning. A copy of the covenant with the names of all members who consented is posted at each entry. Those not willing to sign are asked to remain at home.

# A Covenant of Re-Opening to Fight Coronavirus-19 Presbyterian Church of , Wisconsin

We, the family of faith at Presbyterian Church, follow the dual commandments to love God and to love our neighbors. Recognizing the deadly impact of the coronavirus, we covenant with each other to show our love for each other, our neighbors, and those most vulnerable to the coronavirus in the continued fight against COVID-19, even as we open our buildings for public worship, learning, mission, and use by other agencies.

* We covenant not to attend any in-person church activities if we are sick or believe we have been exposed to someone who is sick.
* We covenant to wash/disinfect our hands immediately upon entering the church building, using the soap/disinfectant for the time it takes to pray the Lord’s Prayer.
* We covenant not to hug or shake hands when we are with others.
* We covenant to remain at least 6 feet apart from people with whom we are not sheltered-at-home.
* We covenant to wear face coverings to protect others in case we are sick but not showing

symptoms.

* We covenant to be patient and respectful of requests made by church leaders for the safety of all.

We recognize that some members of our family of faith or visitors are at increased risk of contracting COVID-19. If we break any of these covenant agreements even innocently, it can put these beloved members and visitors at risk or force them to exclude themselves from our gatherings. Because we want everyone to be safe and included, we agree to abide by these covenants.