

UPDATES – SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2021

The provincial government put into place new restrictions and health guidelines effective August 25th, 2021.

We are grateful to our government leaders and health authorities for granting faith communities the freedom to worship and for recognizing religious gatherings as an “essential service which plays a critical role in connecting the community by supporting beneficial and safe social interactions.” They also announced that **worship services are exempt** from the new health orders including the mask mandate and proof of immunization.

We understand that some may be hesitant or concerned as we gather together in-person for worship services and gatherings.

In consideration of those who will be attending, masks will be required when circulating around the church building. We will also continue to practice social distancing and frequent cleaning and sanitation procedures in all venues.

In the Sanctuary, we will practice social distancing and masks may be removed once you are seated.

In the Connection, there will be a simultaneous ‘live feed’ of the services for those who wish to worship with others, but prefer to worship in a room where masks are required at all times, including when singing.

We ask that you would be patient with each other, love one another and exercise the grace and care for one another as Jesus has called us to do.

Please take time to review the updated Willingdon Church guidelines listed below for more details on in-person worship gatherings and services, as determined and affirmed by our elders and leadership team.

We are so grateful for your patience, understanding, support and prayers during this time and throughout the pandemic. We will also continue to offer online services and virtual opportunities to connect and care for our church family and community around the world.

We praise God for His grace, protection and provision during this time and we trust Him to continue to guide and protect us as we serve and continue our mission “to know Jesus Christ personally and carry on His ministry”.

We are truly looking forward to seeing you in person! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

To God we give the glory!

With appreciation
Penny Fuchihara
Executive Director

Updated September 17th, 2021 - as per Provincial Health Orders

Please note the following protocols may change, we encourage you to check this webpage frequently.

Registration is not required for worship gatherings and services.

We will be implementing the following safety measures as affirmed by the elders:

- Masks are required when circulating around the church building
- Masks may be removed when seated in the Sanctuary and/or other venues
- Masks must be worn at all times in the Connection for Weekend Worship Services.
- Physical distancing in between parties is required in all venues, sitting 2 meters away from other parties
- Singing is permitted
- Sanitation stations will be provided at every entrance point
- Frequent cleaning of the venues will be conducted

If you attend, please note you are attending as a personal decision to attending a worship service with others.

If you are not feeling well, please do a “health check”, please stay home and consider joining an online service at willingdon.org at home.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Parking:

- 1) Please feel free to park on the Willingdon Church parking lot (limited spaces). The underground lot will be reserved for seniors and those with special needs.
- 2) Please park at Moscrop (5 minute walk)
- 3) Please park at BCIT L LOT. Note: BCIT is doing construction in the lots (N LOT) we previously used, however, the L LOT is available (10 minute walk)

Arrival: Doors will open 15 minutes before each service to allow us time to sanitize and reset the venues

During Services: We require you sit 2 seats apart from the next party. If you are not able to find a seat in the Sanctuary

Prayer Time: During this time we will be offering prayer in the Chapel or Fireside Room (to accommodate social distancing) anytime, before, during and after services.

After service: We ask that you exit the venues after the closing to accommodate additional cleaning for the following services/gatherings.

Café: Our café will be open 8:30am to 1:30pm for free coffee and treats. Additional seating is available under our outdoor tents in the parking lot. On occasion the café may be closed for gatherings.

Communion: As approved by the elders, we will be offering communion in single disposal servings to minimize the passing of objects between many people. These will be handed out to you at the beginning of a communion service.

Tithing: We will be putting place low-touch tithing boxes in the resource center at all times. We continue to encourage electronic giving.

Children's and Student Programs: Please visit our website for more information on our programs <https://willingdon.org/willingdon-church-ministries>

WELCOME GUESTS AND FIRST-TIME VISITORS!

If you are new or this is the first time you are visiting Willingdon Church. Welcome, we are so glad you are here!

Please take advantage of our First Time Visitor Parking on the Willingdon lot. There is a spot reserved just for you!

When you head into the building please stop by our Welcome Center in the Atrium (right of the parking lot entrance.) We would love to say hello and welcome you. Our helpful volunteers can help answer any questions you may have and help you get connected to our church family.