



COVID Update Dec 22nd, 2021

UPDATE – DECEMBER 22nd, 2021

The provincial government put into place new Provincial Health Orders to reduce the risk of COVID-19 during worship services.

Effective December 22nd 2021, we will continue following these guidelines:

“All participants attending worship services, must wear a face covering at all times during worship services and when they are in the building. Participants may remove their masks when taking communion.”

“Worship services must be limited to 50% of seated capacity.” We will continue to follow these guidelines in the Sanctuary and continue to use the Connection where they will be a simultaneous ‘live feed’ of the services for those who prefer more space.

We will also continue to encourage social distancing and provide frequent cleaning and sanitation procedures in all venues.

The Provincial Health Organization also announced that worship services will continue to be exempt from those attending a worship service to provide proof of immunization.

“Our elders team has prayerfully and carefully considered this current question and have discerned that we will not implement vaccine passports. It is the position of your elders that restricting people from participating in events on our church premises due to vaccine status does not align with our stated value: “to be a home for all people.” Please go to this link for more information: willingdon.org/elders-update-on-events

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.

We understand that some may still be hesitant or concerned as we gather together in-person for worship services and gatherings. 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 December 22nd, 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 must be worn at all times for Worship Services and Gatherings
- Physical distancing in between parties is required in all venues
- 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 join an online service at willingdon.org at home.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Parking:

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.

Please park at Moscrop (5 minute walk)

Please park at BCIT (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 at least one seat apart from the next party. If you are not able to find a seat in the Sanctuary, the Connection will be open with a live feed of the service.

Prayer Time: During this time we will be offering prayer in the Prayer Room and 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 fellowship limited to 100 people. 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.