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Dear GVPC Family and Friends –

What a joy it is to share news that after considerable prayer and study our Session has made the important and exciting decision to re-open our church for in-person worship services beginning **Sunday, September 13**. For months we have monitored local and statewide statistics closely with the hope that mandates and protocols would lessen enabling a resumption of in-person worship services. Although we previously determined not to open our doors until the state allowed 100 person gatherings, it became apparent that even with the decreased number of positive COVID-19 cases in Clark County the gathering capacity will likely not increase within the immediate future.

We give God thanks for the decline in cases throughout Nevada, and we make this decision to re-open our doors with the conviction that corporate worship and fellowship is vital to who we are as followers of Christ. Our plan is to re-open our campus in phases. We will begin by holding two worship services on **Sunday, September 13** at **9:00** and **10:30 am**. We then plan to resume all three worship services the weekend of **September 19/20** which will include our Saturday night service at 5:00 pm and our two morning worship services on Sunday. As excited as we are to gather together once again, we will only be able to do so in a reduced capacity because of current state mandates limiting our number to 50 people at each service. Please read the **guidelines** on the back page for what to expect as our doors open once again.

In order to control the number of people at each service and to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to worship in person at least once a month, we have implemented a reservation system. You will be asked to provide your first, second and third choice either by e-mail at caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com (please put **RESERVATION** in the subject line) or by calling the office at **(702) 454-8484**. Although we will not be able to guarantee your first choice, we will do everything possible to accommodate you. Reservations will open beginning **Wednesday, September 2**. Initially, you will be able to make requests for September, October and November. We will continue to livestream our worship services on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 10:30 am and encourage those with health restrictions to join us for one of the livestreamed services.

I am grateful beyond words for the leadership of our Executive Committee who guided us through these difficult days with wisdom and prayer, and I look forward to seeing you soon. What a joy it will be to collectively proclaim that beloved Call to Worship, *"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord"* (Psalm 122:1).

Yours in God's Grace,

Pastor Adrian

What to Expect As You Return to Church

We are all anxious to worship in-person once again. Certain procedures will be implemented in order to keep everyone safe. We will observe all the current social distancing protocols and mandates. Here is what you can expect:

- You will need a reservation to attend. To make your reservation please provide your first, second and third choice either by e-mail at caroljohnson@greenvalleypres.com (please put **RESERVATION** in the subject line) or by calling the office at **(702) 454-8484**. Although we will not be able to guarantee your first choice, we will do everything possible to accommodate you. Reservations will open beginning **Wednesday, September 2**.
- Everyone is expected to wear a **face covering**. You will be greeted at the front door and asked to put on your face covering. If you do not have a face covering, one will be provided.
- **Hand sanitizer** will be administered upon entering the Sanctuary.
- **Ushers** will be stationed in the Narthex and in the center aisle of the Sanctuary to direct you to your seat. Seating will start at the front of the Sanctuary and move toward the back as rows are filled. We ask that you do not linger in the Narthex or around the sound booth. Unrelated persons should maintain social distance in the pews.
- **Bulletins** will be distributed by email and on the church web site each week. No bulletins will be available at the service.
- **Offering Baskets** will be placed near the exit doors to receive your offerings; no offering will be received during the service.
- There will be no congregational singing during the service.
- At the end of the service, the ushers will release people from their rows in an orderly manner. Those sitting near the rear of the Sanctuary will be dismissed to exit through the Narthex and the front doors. Those sitting near the front of the Sanctuary will be directed to leave via the south emergency exit door or wait to be released through the front doors.
- We ask that you do not linger or visit in the Sanctuary or the Narthex.