

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN GENEVA  
SURVEY # 2 – WHEN to RE-OPEN CHURCH for WORSHIP

In the fall of 2020, a survey was created to ascertain how the congregation felt about returning to church for in-person worship. We feel it is important to revisit the question in light of vaccinations being more readily available and now that many of our members have been vaccinated.

As in the previous survey, we are using a model created by Kevin Meyers of 12 Stone Church, Atlanta Georgia. He uses a traffic light's colors to describe 3 different sets of views congregants have about returning to church at this time. The **Green Light** signifies people who are ready to come back now. They feel relatively safe with the protocols set in place. The **Yellow Light** group is more cautious. They want to wait to see how the initial re-opening phase goes. The **Red Light** group does not intend to return any time soon. They want to feel that everything is very safe before returning. Many people who are in the red light group are in the "most vulnerable" category. There are no wrong or right answers. We need your honest response to decide when and how it makes sense for the church to open for in-person worship.

Session had extended consideration of an in-person start up until the end of May 2021. Much can change between now and then! We will be following the NY State guidelines for church re-openings, requiring the use of masks, social distancing, and sanitizing. Our questions to you include how do you feel about coming back to church and under what circumstances would you feel safe coming back. Please fill out this survey to help guide us on how to proceed. Your survey responses will remain anonymous. Thank you for your answers.

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Which group do you feel best fits your view about re-opening in person worship?

GREEN Light

YELLOW Light

RED Light

What criteria need to be met to make you feel comfortable with returning to in-person worship?  
(indicate all that apply)

- 1) Compliance with proper cleaning and sanitization of the church/Sanctuary as per current NYS Guidelines
- 2) Compliance with masking and social distancing
- 3) Being vaccinated, either yourself or others
- 4) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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As the church reopens, it will be necessary to reserve a seat (by household) each week. Your pew assignment will change each week based on the overall reservations. Masks covering the mouth and nose must be worn when entering and exiting the building as well as when moving around. Using hand sanitizer will be required prior to entering. Results of the survey as well as weekly reservations will help us determine the number and timing of Sunday services. Three questions that pertain here:

- 1) Would you be willing to contact the church office in advance each week to reserve a seat?    Yes    No
- 2) Would you be willing to attend church at a different time from what you are accustomed to in order to be able to maintain social distancing?                      Yes    No
- 3) Would you attend in-person worship if the ushers directed you where to sit/assigned seats?    Yes    No

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Would you attend in-person worship if the congregation may sing only while seated and with a mask?

Yes          No

When we reopen, would you prefer to attend a live in-person service or watch through live streaming?

Unlike our current edited recorded services, Live Streaming provides the actual real-time filming of the service which is transmitted via the internet to computers or other devices.      In-person          Streaming

Have you been able to access our worship services on-line?      via Zoom          Yes          No  
via YouTube          Yes          No

It would help us to know your vaccination status at this time (if you are willing to share that information).

Fully Vaccinated          Intend to be Vaccinated          Not planning to          Prefer not to answer

Please return your completed survey to the church office or via e-mail to [covid@pcgny.org](mailto:covid@pcgny.org) by May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Your answers are very important. Please respond. Thank you.**