

# Newsong Fellowship

201 St. Louis Street  
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## Relaunch

**Start Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020**

### Overview

Newsong Fellowship will be returning to in-person gatherings on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at 11:00am and will uphold CDC and State guidelines in an effort to protect against the spread of COVID-19. Virtual services will still be made available through YouTube, in addition to weekly Podcasts and weekly Kingdom City & Epic videos on YouTube.

### What You Can Expect

Newsong's Living Room will always be an open space where rhythms (no matter how clunky or awkward at times) of authentic community are upheld so that everyone recognizes they are included and celebrated. It is a space where you can connect to God as you discover your truest sense of purpose and belonging within God's ongoing story of the restoration of all things. Newsong leadership is committed to ensuring these values are upheld in a comfortable environment, in addition to the ongoing commitment of upholding public health practices.

## Procedures

1. **Capacity:** Services will be capped at 50 people. Anyone who intends on attending the service must [sign up each week](#). Those who have signed up will receive a follow-up email that contains service details, including arrival and dismissal procedures to keep everyone socially distant while in the building.
2. **Face Coverings:** Face coverings are required for in-person services at Newsong. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own and Newsong will have some available at the front doors for anyone who does not have one or does not bring one.
3. **Ushers/Greeters:** Newsong volunteers will be available for contactless greeting and to help people find seating. Air hugs and air high-fives are encouraged in place of actual hugs or high fives.
4. **Kingdom City (Kids' Ministry):** There will not be in-person services for children at this time. Families are welcome to bring their children into the service along with any items to help keep their child occupied. (Tablets with headphones, coloring materials, etc.) Kingdom City resources will still be made available through YouTube, Facebook & Instagram.
5. **In-Person Gathering:** The Living Room has 6 sections of chairs that are strategically placed to maintain social distance. Ushers and greeters will help people find seating. During service we will ask for quiet reflection during music in place of singing - this will reduce transmission possibilities. Once the service concludes, ushers will release sections. Those attending are encouraged to continue in-person connections, socially distant, outside the building, weather permitting, in place of congregating indoors.

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. When should I arrive?

Newsong leadership will generate varied and strategic arrival times for everyone planning to attend the in-person gathering and then communicate appropriate arrival times a couple of days in advance.

2. Do I need to sign my child up to attend an in-person gathering?

Yes. Every person, regardless of age, needs to be accounted for through the weekly sign-up form.

3. Will bathrooms be available?

Yes. We encourage social distancing standards to be upheld while waiting for or passing people in the bathrooms.

4. Will I be able to sit with my family?

Definitely! You will not need to socially distance from family members.

5. What are alternative options to in-person gatherings?

Services will still be available on YouTube and via Podcast. We also encourage you to consider doing small neighborhood backyard gatherings. Church is not limited to gatherings in the building, so you are encouraged to make connections in your community.