



SHELTER ROCK *church*

REOPENING
BROCHURE

**“I was glad when they said
unto me, let us go into
the house of the Lord.”**

PSALM 122:1

The time has come. It has been 5 months since our buildings were closed due to COVID-19. Through this season, our doors may have been closed but our church has remained open and active. We have continued to worship God, preach the gospel, gather in prayer, encourage one another, love our neighbors, care for the sick, and give to the needy. Still, we have missed being physically present with one another. Thankfully, the time has come to gather again.

Beginning August 23, all of our physical locations will be open for in-person services, while our online campus will continue to provide online worship services every week! We realize the pandemic is likely far from over but we also acknowledge NY has seen significant improvement over the last few months. In consultation with our medical advisory team and in compliance with NY State guidance, our staff and Board of Elders agree it is now appropriate to take this next step and reopen our campuses for Sunday services.

We understand not everyone is ready to attend in-person just yet, and that is OKAY! Whether you join us in-person or online, we simply ask that you join us as we gather together and worship our great God who is worthy of all our praise.

MANHASSET CAMPUS

626 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York 11030

SYOSSET CAMPUS

178 Cold Spring Road, Syosset, New York 11791

WESTBURY CAMPUS

11 Powells Lane. Old Westbury, New York 11568
(meeting at Ban Suk Korean UMC)

ONLINE CAMPUS

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[SRC App](#) or [FaceBook LIVE](#)

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

SAFE

We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our staff, volunteers and those we serve. Therefore, we are following the highest standards set forth by our medical advisory team, and will adhere to guidelines set forth by NY State and the CDC.

SANITIZED

We have professionally cleaned our facilities prior to your arrival and will deploy a sanitizing team to wipe down all counters, door handles, and other frequently touched surfaces prior to, in-between, and after each of our Sunday services. We have also added more than a dozen hand sanitizing stations throughout each facility.

SOCIALLY-DISTANCED

Our seating will be organized to ensure 6 feet is maintained between different households. In addition, we are utilizing specific entrances and exits and directing traffic to limit congestion and ensure social distancing throughout our buildings.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT?

1

RESERVE YOUR SEAT

▷ We are opening at reduced capacity (33%, per state guidance), so you must, must, must reserve your seat in advance. Also, if you sign up, please show up. If something changes and you can't make it, let us know at RSVP@ShelterRockChurch.com so we can make your seat available to others.

2

CHECK IN:

▷ Upon arrival, you will be greeted by our staff and volunteers and be asked to check in at your local campus. There you can check in for the service (this is critical for contact tracing) and undergo a brief, no-contact temperature screening.

3

CHOOSE YOUR SEAT:

▷ Our ushers will walk you to a seat of your choosing and block off seats near you to ensure social distancing is maintained between households.

4

WORSHIP WITH US:

▷ We will worship together! *Church will be different* but God stays the same. In every season, He remains worthy of all our worship and praise.

5

EXIT SAFELY:

▷ When the service is over, you will follow marked pathways to help guide you as you exit our buildings safely. Certain doors have been marked "Exit Only" to prevent congestion as others may arrive.

HOW TO ATTEND

**“I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial.
“I have the right to do anything” —but not everything is constructive.
No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.**

1 Corinthians 10:23–24

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

SCREENING

- » We kindly ask if you are sick or experiencing any symptoms at all, please stay home and worship with us online.
- » All volunteers and staff will be screened prior to each service, and those who RSVP to attend our services will be asked to complete a screening questionnaire.
- » Upon check in, each attendee will be asked to undergo a quick temperature screening with a non-contact, digital infrared forehead thermometer. Anyone exhibiting a temperature of 100.4 F or greater will not be permitted to enter our buildings but encouraged to worship with us online.

FACE MASKS

- » Yes, face masks that cover your nose and mouth will be required the entire time you are indoors. Children under the age of 3 are not required to wear a mask. Our medical advisory team has advised that requiring everyone to wear a mask, even when sitting indoors, is the best and safest practice. When outdoors, you must also wear a mask if 6 feet cannot be maintained between you and individuals outside of your household. We know it may be uncomfortable, but we believe that keeping our masks on is a simple way that we can “love one another” (John 15:12).

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- » We will be practicing social distancing, of at least 6 feet, throughout our facilities. Seating will be arranged to ensure that 6 feet is maintained between different households.

LIMITED CAPACITY

- » We are limiting capacity to 33% - in Manhasset that is 87; in Syosset that is 100 (including balcony); in Westbury that is 70.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

ENTERING / EXITING

Individuals may only enter through doors designated as “entrances” and may only exit through doors designated as “exits.”

DOORS / WINDOWS

Our doors will be propped open to allow you to enter / exit our building without touching door handles. Our goal is to provide a completely contactless and touchless worship environment. We are opening all windows during the services to allow for increased ventilation.

BULLETINS

At this time, we will not be printing or distributing bulletins, but will continue to provide a digital bulletin every week that you can download on our SRC APP or by texting “SRC BLTN” to 41411.

SINGING

We ask that you wear a mask or face covering that covers your nose and mouth at all times while indoors, even while singing during the worship set.

GREETING/TOUCHING

There will be no formal greeting time. We discourage members of different households holding or shaking hands, hugging, or kissing. We encourage head nods, air hugs and air high fives!

HAND SANITIZATION

We have provided additional hand sanitizing stations throughout our buildings. We are installing contactless sinks and toilets in our restrooms.

CLEANING

Prior to, in between, and after every service, a team of cleaning volunteers will be disinfecting frequently touched surfaces throughout our buildings.

RESTROOM / ELEVATOR USE

Only two people or, alternatively, one household, will be permitted in the restroom at a time. Only one household will be permitted in the elevator at a time.

SHARED FOOD

If you require food for medical reasons, you may bring individual, pre-packaged food or beverages but must maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others while eating.

SHARED BIBLES

In Manhasset and Syosset, we are removing all shared Bibles from our seats and encourage you to bring your own Bible to church. We will also always provide the Scripture verses that we are studying on the screens.

COMMUNION

We will provide pre-packaged communion elements so that we are not passing communion trays throughout the room.

OFFERING BOXES

We have set up additional offering boxes throughout the room so you can drop off your tithes/offering without passing the baskets. You can always give online or mail your financial gifts to our church office: 626 Plandome Road, Manhasset NY 11030.

WHAT ABOUT MY KIDS?

At this time, all of our services will be family services and there will be no Children's Ministry available. Children are welcome but must sit with their families.

We hope to provide in-person Children's Ministry as soon as October (Lord willing), but until then, we will continue to provide online experiences for them to grow in their relationship with God and build stronger connections with kids their own age.

Our students in middle school and high school will continue to meet in small groups remotely, and we will continue to serve them as such. Throughout the year, we hope to plan more outdoor, socially distanced events for them to connect with one another.

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FAMILY MINISTRY

WHAT IF I CANNOT ATTEND IN-PERSON SERVICES?

We completely understand that many of you may be uncomfortable attending in-person services at this time, and that is OKAY!

Some of you have underlying health conditions or are especially at-risk for COVID, while others may simply feel unready to join us for in-person services.

We respect your decision and will continue to provide online worship services every week for you as well as virtual opportunities for you to connect with others and grow in your relationship with Jesus.

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ONLINE

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HOW CAN I HELP?

There are a number of ways you can serve, both in-person and online. We are currently recruiting ushers, greeters, in-between service cleaners, and more for our in-person services. For online services, we are seeking those who can host the online chat rooms, pray with others and follow up with attendees during the week.

To sign up or view more ways to serve [Click Here](#).

ONLINE

- »Follow-up
- »Online Chat
- »Online Host
- »Prayer
- »Zoom Room

ONSITE

- »Check-In Team
- »Cleaning
- »Greeting (Inside)
- »Greeting (Outside)
- »Medical Team
- »Parking Lot Team
- »Safety and Security
- »Tech Team (Presentation)
- »Tech Team (Sound)
- »Ushering

VOLUNTEER TEAMS

A NOTE FROM PASTOR HENRY

Dear Church Family,

This “reopening conversation” is just another one of those issues that could easily divide us. For some, you may feel we have moved too slowly. For others, we may be moving too quickly. While I can respect that we may all hold differing perspectives, you should know these decisions have not been taken lightly, but have been bathed in prayer and thoughtful discussion.

We have fasted and prayed over these decisions. We have sought God’s wisdom and relied on godly counsel. We have consulted with medical professionals, legal experts, and other pastors and church leaders.

As shepherds, we know our most precious resources are the lives and souls entrusted to us, and we all carry the weight of caring for each of you: God’s people entrusted to our care.

Whether it be a global pandemic or something else, please know we will always strive to love and care for you the way God loves and cares for you, and will continually call you to put your faith and trust not in any one of us or in the decisions we make, but in the God who is faithful, yesterday, today, and forever.

We know that the impact of COVID is likely far from over, and while the situation remains fluid, we will remain flexible. But for now, we are grateful for what God has done and excited to invite you back into our worship spaces so that we can gather together and worship once more.

Whether scattered or gathered, let us continue to be “The Church”. Let us love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ! Let our light continue to shine and may God get all the glory!

On behalf of our staff and Board of Elders, many blessings to each of you!

Serving with you,

Pastor Henry



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