**COVID Protocols**

 **First Baptist Church, Brantford**

**The following protocols and best practices have been implemented in order to ensure the safety of all patrons. These protocols apply only to religious services and to gatherings regarding the operation of First Baptist Church as a religious organization.**

**Our Church Building**

* Enhanced cleaning routines are in place to ensure that all frequently touched surfaces are consistently cleaned and disinfected

**Entering the Church**

* When you enter the building, please use the hand sanitizer located at all entry doors
* We will continue to require everyone entering the building to wear a face mask.

**Lift/Elevator**

The lift will be in use under the following guidelines:

* One (1) person at a time in the lift
* Andrew (our custodian) and another person will key the lift up and down from the outside
* The rail and handles are disinfected after each use

**The Sanctuary**

* Seating is roped off to accommodate physical distancing requirements and reduce crowding

**Reception of the Offering**

* Offering plates are placed at each of the doors in the sanctuary. You are invited to place your offering when you enter or exit the sanctuary
* You may also give online through multiple means. Please contact the church office for more information

**The Lord’s Supper**

In-person Communion is not being observed at this time. A Communion video led by Rev. Deborah Dempsey is available on the church YouTube channel for those who wish to observe the ordinance at home

**Refreshment and Fellowship Time**

At this time, there will be no food/refreshments served at the church.

**Leaving the Church**

* Please leave the sanctuary in a way that maintains physical distancing
* Doors will be propped open when people are entering and exiting the church, whenever possible, to reduce contact with door handles. Please continue to maintain physical distancing when speaking with one other