

Post-Pandemic Sunday Schedule

8:30 AM			
9:00 AM	Choir Rehearsal / Production Setup (9:00)		
9:30 AM			
10:00 AM	Traditional Worship (10:00)	Children's Hour 1	Band Warmup / Small Groups
10:30 AM			Coffee Hour (10:45)
11:00 AM	Modern Worship (11:00)	Children's Hour 2 (Choir)	Sunday School (11:15)
11:30 AM			
12:00 PM	Youth Lunch (12:00)		
12:30 PM			
1:00 PM	Youth Group (1:00)		
1:30 PM			
2:00 PM	Youth Choir/Band (2:00)		
2:30 PM			
3:00 PM			
3:30 PM	↓ No regular activities scheduled after 3:00 ↓		

Effective Sunday, May 2
 Phased in over time

Sunday Schedule F.A.Q.'s

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Why are we changing the schedule?

Church and staff leadership has been asking the constant question, *“How will we come back stronger after the pandemic subsides?”* By modifying the Sunday schedule, we are able to remove some of the friction points in our old schedule – most of which we simply learned to “live with” before the pandemic changed everything. The two biggest benefits, but definitely not the only ones, are the separation of choir rehearsal and Sunday school on the schedule and the simpler flow for families with children and youth. In all, this new schedule should help us reunite and be stronger as a church, be more family-friendly, and open up new ministry possibilities.

Will we still stream the services?

Yes. We are able to reach further with our online presence and you’re able to attend, even if you’re not in Kennesaw on Sunday.

For now, simply because we need to make some network upgrades, the modern service won’t be streamed live. It will be recorded and put online about 30 minutes after it finishes. In time, we hope this service will stream live as well.

What about the 8:30 am traditional service?

In time, that service may return once we have a need to add additional services. We’ve missed being together, so we believe having one traditional service and one modern service will keep us more together as we reestablish what it means to be the KUMC family. We will also need some time to know that we have enough volunteers to serve for a second traditional service as greeters, ushers, liturgists, altar guild, and choir before we jump back in.

Will there be Sunday school or small groups for those attending the modern service?

We sure hope so. Prior to the pandemic, we had just begun the work of launching into a new small group ministry. Those plans were put on hold. When we get that started, some of those small groups may choose to meet at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings. Interested in being a part of this? Let us know!

Will my children be with us in worship?

Absolutely! Kids are always welcome in worship and you are free to make that choice for your child. We won't ever talk about "R-rated" things in worship and we always want the music and message to be accessible to anyone that comes in the door.

Once per month, on first Sundays, as well as for six weeks from Memorial Day to Independence Day, we won't have children's ministry those days. Instead, we'll be very intentional about making worship a whole-family experience.

Will youth Sunday school return?

It might. This is one of those areas that we're still waiting for some details to materialize. We hope to bring our Next-Gen Pastor on board soon and he or she will need to have some flexibility and freedom to determine how to best minister to our students. We also need to see what our students will be most interested in. Regardless of that additional hour being Sunday school or something else for our students, we won't leave them to simply wander the halls and be left out.

Can our Sunday school class meet *before* the traditional service?

Yes. Your class has the freedom to make its own decision about when and how to meet. Classes with choir members may find it preferable to meet at 11:00 am. Other classes may want instead to "beat the Baptists to brunch" and meet at 9:00 am or earlier.

Why are some things on the schedule green and others blue?

The **green stuff** are items we are ready to launch into on the first Sunday of May 2021. The **blue stuff** may take a little longer and it might even change a little bit before it starts. That's what we're aiming at for now.

I have questions (or concerns). Who can I talk to?

Please ask questions! Please share concerns! Call the office, or drop by, to talk with Pastor Alex or Pastor Laurie.

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