

# “PULL UP” SERVICE

## OPTIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE FOR SESSIONS TO CONSIDER

Allows congregations in **NON** “Stay at Home” counties to gather without putting people at risk of exposure to Covid-19. NOTE: This may or may not be an appropriate option for your church. If this could be a good option for your congregation, **check with local law enforcement and healthcare officials to determine acceptable guidelines in your area before moving forward.**

### WHERE?

Parking lot of your church.

### WHEN?

Sunday morning, OR any time that works best for your congregation.

### WHAT’S NEEDED?

- PUBLIC ADDRESS (PA) SYSTEM
- FM TRANSMITTER (OPTIONAL)
- PICK-UP TRUCK OR RAISED PLATFORM
- PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS
- PROTECTIVE GLOVES
- OFFERING BASKETS AND STANDS (OPTIONAL)
- PODIUM (OPTIONAL)

### HOW TO DO IT?

#### PRE-SERVICE

- POSITION THE BACK OF A PICK-UP TRUCK IN A CENTRAL LOCATION
- SET UP A PA SYSTEM, MICROPHONE, AND FM TRANSMITTER (OPTIONAL). IF PA SYSTEM OUTPUT IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOUR CROWD, FM TRANSMITTER MAY NOT BE NEEDED.
- PLACE PODIUM AND MIC STAND ON BACK OF PICK UP TRUCK (OPTIONAL). MINISTER MAY CHOOSE TO HOLD THE MIC AND NOT USE A PODIUM.
- HAVE PARKING ATTENDANTS (WEARING GLOVES AND AT LEAST SIX FEET APART) IN PLACE TO DIRECT CARS TO PARKING SPACES. SKIP A SPACE BETWEEN CARS FOR EXTRA SOCIAL DISTANCING PRECAUTION.

#### SERVICE

- IF NO FM TRANSMITTER IS USED, MINISTER INVITES PEOPLE TO LET WINDOWS DOWN UP TO AN INCH AND CALLS THE SERVICE TO ORDER.
- PROCEED WITH AN ABBREVIATED WORSHIP SERVICE OF YOUR CHOOSING. YOU MAY CHOOSE TO E-MAIL A PRINTABLE COPY OF THE ORDER OF WORSHIP TO MEMBERS PRIOR TO THE SERVICE.
- DISMISS WITH A BENEDICTION ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO EXIT THE PARKING LOT AND GIVE AN OFFERING (OPTIONAL). IF YOU CHOOSE TO RECEIVE AN OFFERING, PLACE AN OFFERING BASKET ON A STAND AT EACH EXIT SO PEOPLE CAN DROP THEIR OFFERING IN AS THEY EXIT. IF YOU HAVE AN ONLINE GIVING OPTION, STATE THAT TOO.
- HAVE 2 PEOPLE STAND AT THE EXIT (AT LEAST 6 FEET APART) TO MONITOR THE OFFERING BASKETS AND WAVE AS PEOPLE LEAVE.
- PARKING ATTENDANTS RETRIEVE THE OFFERING BASKETS & PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AS THE OFFERING IS COUNTED.
- FOR ADDITIONAL “HOW TO” HELP PLEASE VISIT:
  - [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/XQOJI-05B9E](https://youtu.be/xqoji-05b9e)



# “Pull-Up” Service Helpful Information

Current at as of March 25, 2020, for Churches in NON “Stay at Home” Counties.

## GUIDELINES:

1. Attendees should remain in vehicles during the entire service
2. Parking attendants should wear gloves and maintain social distancing of at least six feet
3. No more than 50 people at a time
4. For social distancing purposes, cars should be parked at least six feet away from each other
5. Minister/Worship Leader and Parking Attendants cannot visit cars or people in them

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. **From where can we get a PA System?** You may be able to borrow one from another church, rent one from a local music store, or purchase one on-line (amazon.com; musiciansfriend.com; etc...).
2. **From where can we get a short signal FM Transmitter?** FM Transmitters are available at amazon.com (For more details, please view the “How To Drive-In Church” YouTube Video by using the link below).
3. **How do we supply power to the PA System in the parking lot?** Use an outdoor extension cord that runs from your building to the PA System.
4. **How do I publicize the “Pull Up” Service to members?** Text, Call, E-mail, Post on FB, E-Newsletter
5. **Our congregation is large, and our parking lot cannot accommodate all members at once. What can we do? Our parking lot is small. What can we do?** There are two options:
  - a. Consider having multiple services and asking the congregation to attend by first letter of last name. (Suggestion: The first service can be held at 9am for persons whose last name begins with A-L. The second service can be held at 11am for persons whose last name begins with M-Z).
  - b. Secure the use of a different venue that can accommodate cars spaced six feet apart.
6. **Our church is small, can we partner with another church in our area/cluster and hold a joint “Pull Up” service?** Absolutely! Please do!
7. **What should we do if it rains?** The weather should be monitored closely. If rain or severe weather is expected during the time the service is scheduled, postpone to a different time or day. This service does not have to take place on Sunday morning. A Sunday evening vesper service is an option.

## Helpful Links and Resources

1. “How To Drive-In Church” YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/xQoJI-o5b9E>
2. Pull Up Service Newspaper Article: [http://www.indexjournal.com/lifestyles/faith/pull-up-church-service-planned-at-life-center-in-abbeyville/article\\_f483485a-8b91-50da-8416-137cabebe1dc.html?fbclid=IwAR3aEXxg0wbxmi83oKBkawceMi6XDUF-t0foNGzALaFacO-m7aJ1s2gjNFI](http://www.indexjournal.com/lifestyles/faith/pull-up-church-service-planned-at-life-center-in-abbeyville/article_f483485a-8b91-50da-8416-137cabebe1dc.html?fbclid=IwAR3aEXxg0wbxmi83oKBkawceMi6XDUF-t0foNGzALaFacO-m7aJ1s2gjNFI)
3. Rev. Neal Carter, Pastor of Rocky River Presbyterian Church is happy to assist with PA System and FM Transmitter questions. He can be reached at the church: 704-455-2479, or by Email: [nealcarter64@gmail.com](mailto:nealcarter64@gmail.com)