

Guidelines for Communion Assistants

Thank you for volunteering to help lead worship by being a communion assistant. Communion is the climax and highpoint of worship. It is where we taste and see the promises of God for us in Jesus Christ. See this as holy work as Christ invites you to be a server at his table of grace for all.

Should you be unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a replacement from the list of other communion assistants and let the church secretary know early the week before, so that appropriate changes can be made in the bulletin. If you are unable to find a replacement, please contact Jan Wilde (512-576-2732) or the church office (830-693-2253).

Arrive to the worship service 15 minutes early.

- After the Lord's Prayer, Communion Assistants come to the altar to take communion before serving. Communion may be served with trays or by intinction. ***NOTE: Hand sanitizer will be on the side table with the trays. Please use if distributing wine.***
- **WITH TRAYS:** After receiving communion get one of the trays of wine and follow behind one of the pastors. If you are distributing wine simply say, "The blood of Christ shed for you," as you hand out each glass. As you follow, be sure to notice children and don't give wine/grape juice unless the pastor gave them bread. Please look to the child or parents for guidance about giving wine or juice. **At the late service the altar guild will begin to add extra grape juice to 1 tray. Please be sure to use this tray on the organ side of the congregation to accommodate the families who generally sit on that side of the sanctuary.** Please empty the tray of wine before moving to the next tray.
- **BY INTINCTION:** With intinction, there are two stations of bread, wine, and juice (in this order perpendicular to the center aisle). After communion assistants have been communed, the pastors will hand assistants the cups of wine and juice and you can choose either station.
- If there are communicants who need to receive the meal in the pew, please follow behind the pastor after all others have been served.
- When done, return the tray to the stack or place cup on side table, cover with linen, and then return to your seat.
- If you are rotating trays, be mindful of the need for juice on the organ side of the congregation.