

Ministry Scheduling Guide for Assisting in Worship

Communion Assistant – 9:30 and 11:00

9:30 & 11:00 Services – Please arrive 10-15 minutes before the service and check in at the patio table.

The Pastor will call the communion assistants and runners forward. At 9:30 and 11:00, we have 4 communion stations. **Go straight to a station, you will serve the congregation before receiving communion yourself.** Before worship, you need to know whether you are serving bread or wine. Generally your assignment will tell you which station (e.g. communion bread-center ramp). Turn to face the congregation and someone will bring you the bread or wine.

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Piano side	center piano	center ramp	Ramp side
Station A	station B	station C	station D
bread wine, basket	acolyte, wine (pastor) ,bread	bread ,wine (pastor), acolyte	basket, wine, bread

Stand on the main floor as communicants file past, first receiving bread, then wine.

As you tear off a small piece of bread about the size of a dime (not too big, not too little), say “The body of Christ given for you.” This should be spoken loud enough for the person receiving communion to hear.

If you are serving wine, hand the cup to the communicant and say “The blood of Christ, shed for you.” Grape juice, for those requesting it, is in the colored cups at the center of the tray. When serving wine, offer a blessing, such as “Jesus loves you” to children who do not receive communion.

If you need more bread or wine, look to the communion runner to deliver it to you.

When there is no one else in line, turn and serve communion to the other people at your station. The runner will take your supplies back to the credence table.

Communion for Children, all services

Children should receive instruction before receiving communion. Instruction is provided by the church to all children 5th grade and above with their parents, or earlier if requested. Do not give communion to a child who appears younger than 5th grade unless the parent says they should receive communion. The child should have their hands folded not to receive communion and will receive a blessing from the communion assistant serving wine. If the child holds their hands out to receive communion, but you feel they don't look old enough, ask the parent outright: “Does this child receive communion?” Don't act on raised eyebrows or unknown facial expressions, JUST ASK!