

Procedures for Communion Assistants

- Arrive at church 10 minutes before the service.
- Identify yourself to the usher.
- After the Lord's Prayer when the pastor invites the congregation to communion, the two assistants go up to the altar and receive the bread and wine from the pastor. After they have communed, one assistant offers the bread and cup to the pastor.
- One assistant takes the tray of small cups and the other takes the common cup and small white cloth.
- They follow after the pastor. When offering the wine say, "The Blood of Christ shed for you," to each recipient. Most people will take the small cups. Those who desire the common cup will usually keep their hands folded or make a cup with their hands. After someone receives from the common cup the assistant wipes the cup with the cloth and turns it ¼ turn.
- Regarding children, watch the pastor. If he gives the bread to the child, hand him/her a cup of juice. If he blesses the child do not give the cup.
- After everyone has received communion at the altar, the pastor gives communion to the organist and goes into the congregation if there are members who cannot come to the altar. The assistant with the tray follows him.
- The assistants place the cup and tray on the altar, go down the steps together, turn and bow slightly and return to their seats.