

ACOLYTE



BEFORE THE SERVICE

Arrive at least 15 minutes before the service and put on your robe (Alb). Be sure to pick up a bulletin from an usher, placing it in the front pew. The robes and candle lighter are in the closet in the sacristy room behind the chancel area. Return to the back of the church and wait for either the pastor or an usher who will light the candle lighter for you. Hold the candle lighter in front of you, tipped slightly forward, with the flame pointing toward you, and the bell of the candle lighter pointing away from you. Holding the candle lighter in this manner will reduce the chance of the flame going out as you are walking. You will walk down the center aisle, walking at a slow pace, during the opening prelude.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

At the opening of the chancel railing, you will pause (in reverence to the cross). Proceed up the stairs, turning to the right, placing yourself directly in front of the candle to light it. Move to the left side of the altar, and repeat...remember, right side first, then left. After the 4 candles are lit, you may go to your place in the front pew.

HELPING WITH THE OFFERING

In receiving the offering, you stand at the chancel railing (facing the congregation) as the ushers bring forward the offering plate. Place the offering plates on the altar and return to your seat.

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

During the last verse of the closing hymn, the Pastors will walk towards the back of the church. After the Pastors exit, pick up the candle lighter and walk to the front of the altar. In reverence to the cross, you begin on the left side and extinguish that candle. Then move to the right side and repeat. When there are two acolytes, move together directly in front of candles and extinguish them. When all candles are extinguished, you may return to the Sacristy. Please put away all items in their original places.

Thank you so much for living out your faith through your service. Please contact me with any questions or to volunteer to Acolyte at a worship service:
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Blessings,

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