

Acolyte Instructions

What's an acolyte?

Acolytes are youth who serve the congregation during worship. Acolytes light candles, receive the offering, assist with communion, and extinguish candles.

What does an acolyte wear?

-Acolytes wear robes. The robes remind you that you are baptized and a “clean” person – which is why they are white.

-Acolytes should come to church wearing nice dress pants or dresses/skirts, nice shoes, and shirts with NO WRITING on them.

What does an acolyte do?

1. Arrive at church **no later than 15 minutes before** the service begins.
2. Get robe and cincture (rope) on.
3. Ask Pastor Jean if there are any special instructions for the day.
4. Light the altar candles.
5. Sit down in the pews by the piano.
6. Receive the offering.
 - Come to the front of the aisle and take the plates from the usher who brings them forward.
 - Take the plates to the altar railing and lift them into the air.
 - Go to the left side of the altar and place it behind the big book on the altar.
7. Help with communion.
 - Receive communion first by coming over to the railing and kneeling.
 - Get the baskets to receive the empty cups (usually in the front pew).
 - Collect the used cups by standing over by the first row of pews, on the right side.
 - Place the cups under your seat after communion.
8. Extinguish the candles after the service.

Thank you for your help!