

Acolyte Instructions

Before Service:

Arrive at church 15 minutes before the service and let the Elder know that you are the acolyte for that service.

Get a worship bulletin and head into the sacristy to get your robe on. Put on a robe and cincture (rope).

When the pre-service music begins, use either matches or lighter to light the candlelighter. CAREFULLY head into the sanctuary to light the candles.

Make sure to reverence (bow) the cross before you begin to light the candles and when you are finished lighting the candles.

- On Communion Sundays, light the 2 candles on the altar first, before lighting the candelabras. When lighting the candelabras, start with the side you lit first on the altar and begin at the top and light the candles going down.
- On non-communion Sundays, light only the candelabras, beginning at the top and light the candles going down.

After lighting the candles, hang the candlelighter back up and sit in the first pew to wait for worship to begin.

End of Service:

During the first verse of the last hymn, go and get the candlelighter and put out the candles. Do not crush the wick. Simply hold it close over the flame.

The candles are put out in reverse order of how you lit them. Start at the bottom of the candelabras and work your way up. The candles on the altar should be extinguished last.

Be certain to reverence (bow) the cross before you begin to put out the candles and after you have finished.

Now go back and hang the candlelighter up. Then enter the sacristy and put your robe and cincture (rope) away carefully. *Make sure the robe remains on the hanger!*

If you have any problems, ask the elder or a parent to help you.

**If you cannot be present for your assigned service to acolyte, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find a replacement.*