

SERVING

Two Elders, two deacons and two servers shall be seated on the bench at the rear of the sanctuary. They shall go into the prayer room for prayer with the pastor and choir just before service begins. *If a server is a choir member they shall leave the choir loft when the Communion hymn starts to join the others at the rear of the sanctuary.

When visitors are introduced give each visitor a card to fill out. (Cards are on the cabinet at the back.)

Diaconate must set an example once seated at the rear by being silent. At the beginning of the next to last stanza of the Communion hymn, the elders and deacons/servers shall line up at the rear of the sanctuary. Preparers should stand on the right and servers on the left behind the elders and proceed to the front. The deacons and servers shall stand near the corner of the table on their respective side.

One elder will hand trays to the left and one elder will hand trays to the right. Deacons and servers should stay aligned during serving.

After Communion has been served to the congregation, deacons will line up at the rear of the sanctuary and wait until the pastor and elders stand before proceeding to the front. Elders will take the trays from the deacons and serve each deacon a cup of juice. The pastor will break the bread and the elders will serve the deacons. We take bread and juice together with the congregation. The Elders will pass a tray to the deacons/servers for your empty cups.

The Elders will pass the offering trays to each deacon. Deacons shall collect the offerings in the same manner as the communion was served. The two preparers shall stack their trays onto the server's trays as quietly as possible. As the Doxology is being sung, the servers take the offerings to the front where they face each other while the prayer and dedication is offered. Place the offering trays onto the table after the prayer is finished. The preparers shall stand at the rear of the sanctuary until the elders and servers return to the rear. The servers shall follow the Elders to the rear of the sanctuary. *If one of the servers is a choir member, a preparer shall take the offering trays to the front.