

# ACOLYTES



## Acolyte Responsibilities:

- ▶ Be in the Pastor's Office 15 minutes before the start of your assigned Worship Service for vesting (putting on robes). Vesting is required of all Acolytes unless the Pastor is not vested.
- ▶ Get the "acoloid" (the torch used for lighting the candles) from the hanger hook; it's located across from the restrooms. Check that it has a sufficient length of "taper" (wick). Get assistance from an Usher if a new taper is needed. Place the acoloid in an easily accessible location (such as behind your chair if you're sitting up front) during the Service. Return the acoloid to the hanger hook following the extinguishing of the candles.
- ▶ Your primary tasks are to light and to extinguish the Sanctuary candles prior to and after the Worship Services, to assist with the offering, and to assist with communion.
  - Begin lighting the candles when the organist begins playing the prelude.
  - *(During the Easter Season, or if there is a Baptism), light the Pascal Candle (Christ Candle) as you enter the Sanctuary.)*
  - Light the two candles on the Altar (first the right, then left). After lighting the candles, be seated in the front next to the Pastor and Assisting Minister.
  - Come to the front of the altar when the Ushers are finished collecting the offering. Take the offering plates from them; stack them on top of each other, and put them on the right hand side of the altar.
  - Assist with communion by holding the chalice of grape juice. Stand beside the Assisting Minister and say to each communicant as he/she puts the wafer into the chalice: "The blood of Christ shed for you!"
  - Extinguish the candles during the first verse of the Closing Hymn (opposite of how you lit them – first left, then the right on the altar. *If the Pascal Candle is lit, light the acoloid with the flame from the Pascal Candle, then extinguish the Pascal Candle. Carry the lit acoloid out of the Sanctuary, then extinguish it as you enter the hallway.)*
- ▶ Participate fully in the Liturgy during the Service to set an example as a Worship Leader.
- ▶ Secure your own substitute from the Acolyte Roster on the Worship servant Teams Schedule if you cannot serve at an assigned Worship service. Please make every effort to phone or email the Church Office (425-788-3626 or [w.cross@frontier.com](mailto:w.cross@frontier.com)) by noon on Wednesday to include the change in the Sunday Bulletin and the weekly Servant Team reminder emails. Contact the Pastor or Church Office with any questions or problems.
- ▶ Highlight your assigned Sundays and assigned services as soon as you receive a new Worship Servant Teams Schedule. Post your schedule where you will take notice of your assigned services or transfer the dates to your personal calendar.