

## Wooden Cross Assisting Ministers Ministry

- Be in the Pastor's Office at least 15 minutes before the start of your assigned Worship Service. If there are any major changes in the service, the Pastor will contact you before Sunday for a briefing.
- Vesting is required of all Assisting Ministers unless the Pastor is not vested or at the discretion of the Pastor. Vest as soon as you arrive and ask for the Pastor's assistance if needed.
- Review the Worship service, and look for any changes or insertions that you need to be aware of such as processional, Temple Talks, Children's Song, or special communion instructions. Be sure to ask for clarification of the Pastor before the service.
- If you are serving as the Cantor as well, be familiar with all Liturgies used at Wooden Cross in which you feel able to serve as an Assisting Minister. If additional practice is needed, please contact the Organist and/or Choir Director to arrange a time to practice prior to the Worship Service.
- This is a leadership role, so be sure to lead by your natural voice, but with clear expression and emphasis of key words or phrases in your parts marked "A" – Assisting Minister -- in the bulletin. Use as much eye contact with the Congregation as possible.
- Lead the Psalm, using the appointed Psalm tone, after the First Lesson as it is printed in the bulletin. The Psalm is sung responsively by whole verse. Please note that the Psalm tone will vary, primarily by liturgical season.
- Assist with communion by holding the chalice of wine. Stand beside the

Presiding Pastor and say to each communicant as he/she puts the wafer into the chalice: "The blood of Christ, shed for you!" (Note: if communion is taken to an individual, walk with the Pastor to serve the wine.)



- Give the Dismissal with a full, upbeat, joyous voice.
- Secure your own substitute from the Assisting Minister's Roster on the Worship servant Teams Schedule if you cannot serve at an assigned Worship service. (Note: If the service you have been assigned requires a Cantor, be sure to secure a Cantor also, if needed.) 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.