

Communion Instructions  
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1. There will be four officers, elders or deacons alternating, who will serve Communion each time we hold the sacrament.
2. The officers serving Communion need to report to the choir room fifteen minutes prior to the worship service for the pastor's prayer with the choir. This is true whether the youth choir, or no choir, is singing at the service.
3. The officers serving Communion will then proceed to the Narthex and process up the center aisle to the front pew, with two officers sitting on each side of the center aisle.
4. At the appropriate time in the service, during the singing of the first verse of the Communion Hymn, the two officers seated on the center aisle (Numbers 1 and 2) will come forward and uncover the Communion table, folding the cloth and placing it on the pew behind the pulpit. Then they return to their seats. The other two officers (Numbers 3 and 4) remain seated while the table is uncovered.
5. After the Great Thanksgiving is offered, the pastor will signal all four officers to come up to the Communion table. Officers 1 and 2 stand closest to the pastor and the congregation member who is assisting. Officers 3 and 4 stand next to Officers 1 and 2. The officers receive the plates of bread from the pastor and the assistant, and turning together, they distribute the bread to the congregation, with Officers 3 and 4 on the outside aisles and Officers 1 and 2 on the center aisle.
6. Upon completing distribution of the bread, the officers assemble in the Narthex, come forward up the center aisle to the Communion table, and return the plates of bread to the pastor and assistant. They remain at the table while the pastor and assistant serve them the bread. The officers closest to the pastor and assistant, Officers 1 and 2, then serve them. While still gathered around the Communion table, on the pastor's cue, the officers partake of the bread along with the congregation.
7. The distribution of the cups of grape juice is done in the same manner.
8. After drinking from the cup, all four officers return to their pew for the conclusion of Communion and the closing hymn.