

The tradition of Acolytes is treasured at First Presbyterian. It is a ministry that deserves careful preparation and your very best effort. Acolytes help the congregation know the worship service is about to begin by bringing in the water to remind us of our baptism and the Christ Candle to show that Jesus Christ is our light. Acolytes do their task with reverence and care; set a standard, that their service performed out of their deep love and care for God.

Students entering third grade are invited to serve as acolytes. Most acolytes served through middle school, but are welcome to continue serving for as long as desired. If you would like to volunteer and attend a training please contact Kim Joiner, [kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org](mailto:kjoiner@fpcfranklin.org).

Acolyte Guidelines First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Acolyte: an attendant; follower; helper.

### **Acolyte (Baptism Water)**

- Arrive no later than ***10:00 a.m. for the 10:15 service.***
- Be robed and ready to pour baptism water by ***10:10 a.m. for the 10:15 service.***
- The acolyte will retrieve the pitcher and fill half way with water. (Pitcher is kept on shelf in the adult library in the brown felt bag.)
- You will hold the handle with your dominate hand and place your other hand under the bottom of the pitcher.
- Exactly at 10:15 the bell peal begins and you will begin to walk up the center aisle.
- Walk slowly and reverently. The last part of your walk will be in silence. Walk around font and face congregation. Pause.
- You will pour slowly and reverently. When finished walk back down the side aisle – slowly and reverently.
- Place the pitcher back in the felt bag in the adult library. Hang your robe and belt then snap securely on the hanger. You are finished until next time. Thank you for a job well done!

### **Acolyte (Christ Candle)**

- Be robed and ready to carry the candle by ***10:10 for the 10:15 service.***
- An ***adult*** (parent or hospitality team member) will light the candle right before the Opening Hymn.
- At the beginning of the Opening Hymn you will walk slowly and reverently down the center aisle. It is your job to “set the pace” meaning lead the choir members in very slowly.
- Place the candle in the stand that is on the floor under the lectern.
- Once securely placed exit down the side aisle. You still need to walk reverently but don’t have to go as slow.
- Hang your robe and belt then snap securely on the hanger. You are finished until next time. Thank you for a job well done!

Robes are hanging in the narthex. Four sizes are available.

If the silver pitcher is not already in the narthex then look in the Adult Library/Livestream room and it is kept on a low shelf in a brown felt bag.

Retrieve the Christ Candle from the stand in the hallway.

Schedule is on Ministry Scheduler APP – Look for the date and service time you would like to volunteer.

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