

# **FCC Midland Deacons and Servers 11 am Worship Service**

*The Diaconate shall be composed of twenty-four (24) persons, twelve (12) of whom shall be male, and twelve (12) of whom shall be female.*

*The Diaconate shall be the servants of the Lord's Table who will be responsible for the preparation and serving of the elements of the Lord's Supper at all regular and special services; assist the elders in taking communion to those who cannot attend church services; encourage a deepening of the spiritual life within the congregation; serve as members of the Church Board; and serve in such other and further capacities as the Diaconate deems necessary or appropriate for the life of the Church. The chair of the Diaconate may make such reports to the Church Board as is deemed wise.<sup>1</sup>*

Deacons are required members of the four, weekly serving teams (along with others who pledge to serve via *In His Steps*)

**Annual serving roster will be distributed at the beginning of the year. There will also be courtesy weekly reminders via email, but if you remember your team number, you already know which week of the month you serve!**

## **11 AM Server Teams**

Fifth Sundays rotate through the teams, each team gets one “fifth Sunday” per year.

- Team 1=First Sunday monthly, plus April 29, 2018
- Team 2=Second Sunday monthly, plus July 29, 2018
- Team 3=Third Sunday monthly, plus September 30, 2018
- Team 4=Fourth Sunday monthly, plus December 30, 2018

**So now you know your 13 assigned serving dates!**

Each week two deacons are assigned, rotating, to homebound; partnered with two elders.

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<sup>1</sup> Bylaws of FCC

## **On your week to serve:**

\*You will receive an email reminder. Get your own substitute if you cannot serve.

## **On the Sunday you serve:**

\*Check in with the communion captain in the back of sanctuary so they know you are there and are prepared to serve. Captain will write your name by one of the assignment number-spots.

\*Go ahead and sit where you wish at the beginning of worship .

## **When to move and where...**

**Offering:** Only move from pews AFTER the stewardship remarks are completed when music BEGINS. Make your way to the back of sanctuary and line up as directed by captain. No need to rush. Mary will provide plenty of music.

**Communion:** Move only AFTER the communion hymn begins. You have plenty of time to lineup. Make your way to the back of sanctuary and line up as directed by captain. Move forward when the minister at the table STANDS. Take your cue from clergy.

## **How to line up and go in:**

### **Server location Map**

Server locations are numbered 1 through 4, for right and left sides (pulpit and lectern) of the sanctuary.

Positions 1 and 3 will be positioned at the center aisle. 2 and 4 are positioned at the outside aisles.

**Offering:** Each person should secure a plate immediately when gathering in the back. When directed from captain, move to your designated position. Together begin passing the trays. Position 1 and 2 serve from the front toward the center; position 3 and 4 serve from the rear forward toward center.

When the offering has been received, all serving will be near the center of the sanctuary. Turn and face the narthex and wait for a signal from the captain before proceeding to the narthex.

Combine all offering into a single plate and the elder will take that plate forward during the doxology. Return to your seats.

**Communion:** Serving locations are identical to those in the offering. When communion hymn begins, please go to rear and lineup as before. When the minister at the table stands, this is the cue for elders/servers to come to the table. Minister and elders will distribute the trays to you. Position 5 on pulpit side will serve clergy/chancel guests. Position 4 on lectern side will serve clergy/chancel guests. **Position 5 will also serve balcony, if necessary, and nursery.**

When all the trays have been distributed, the minister will give a slight signal to move to congregation and your numbered positions as before. In unison commence serving the congregation.

When serving has been completed, all serving will be near the center of the sanctuary. When nearing the end of serving, each server should make every effort for the plates to balance, but this is not always possible. If the situation arises where one person will have more than one set of plates, please be aware and make eye contact to assist as needed. The captain can come assist if necessary.

When everyone has been served, make eye contact with the captain who will signal you when to come back as a group to the narthex.

Consolidate your trays in the narthex and take your elements and turn to face the congregation and clergy to receive the affirmation of faith and unison cup. Then move the trays to the parlor kitchen.

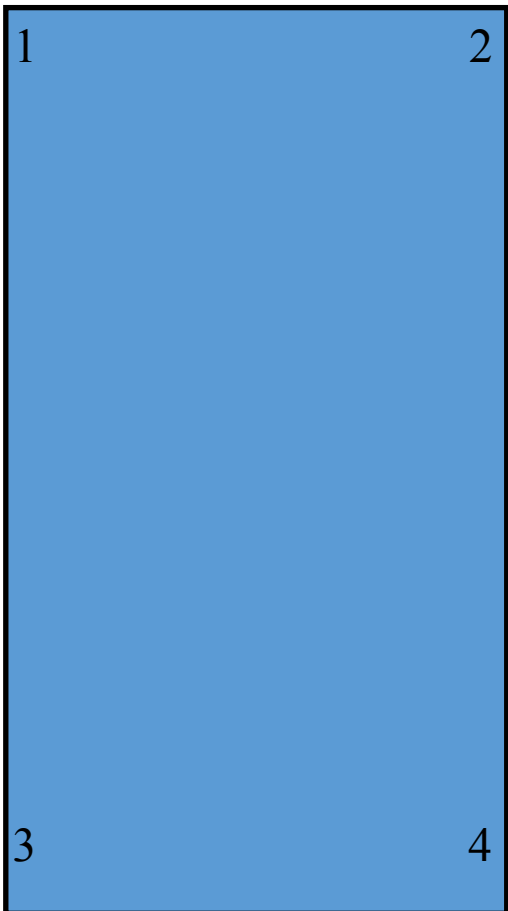
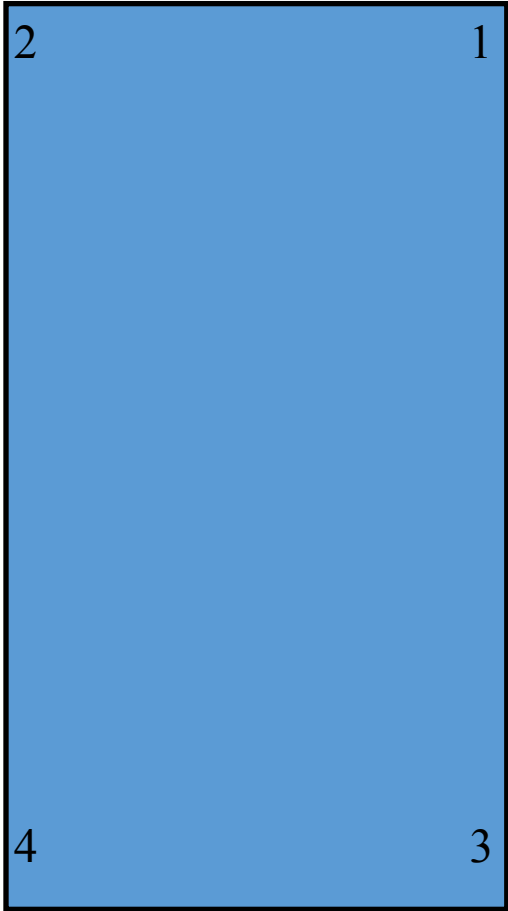
Be sensitive that the invitation and invitation hymn are next and allow the spirit to speak as persons make important decisions.

**Thank you for your service and leadership!**

**Table**

Pulpit

Lectern



- 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5
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## 2018 Deacon and Servers

names in bold underline are elected deacons

Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
<u>Tommy Wells</u>	<u>Mike Stephenson</u>	<u>Sarah Esquivel</u>	<u>Keith Gibbons</u>
<u>Jason Mast</u>	<u>Margy House</u>	<u>Ed Hall</u>	<u>Marco Cardozo</u>
<u>Lori Waygood</u>	<u>Lauren Disney</u>	<u>Carissa Hamilton</u>	<u>Joann Cardozo</u>
<u>Shannon Estrada</u>	<u>Lorenzo Espino</u>	<u>Cliff Hamilton</u>	<u>Mark Cranford</u>
<u>Netha Aaron</u>	<u>Magen House</u>	<u>Jeff James</u>	<u>Dustin Hattenbach</u>
<u>Danny Estrada</u>	<u>Olivia Espino</u>	<u>Khrysti Bair</u>	<u>Skye Hattenbach</u>
Ethan Magee	Collin McCullough	Charlie Morgan	Sharna Gibbons
Gavin Magee	Jana Floyd	Delaney Walsh	Paula Johnson
Emily Waygood	Bill McCullough	Meta Jones	Bob Rymal
	Kelley McCullough		
Red Tech	Green C Church	Purple Shuttle	Blue Choir

Colors denote other assignments individuals have volunteered for so that coordination of serving can be established.