

CRUCIFER INSTRUCTIONS:

10:30 a.m. service

PROCESSING AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICE

1. Try to be in the narthex by 10:15. Let Pastor know you're here.
2. Before the prelude music begins, make sure:
 - a. There is a hymnal and bulletin at your seat. If not, get one.
 - b. You have a robe that fits. Hem should be below your knees, above your shoe tops.
 - c. You have a cincture (rope) that fits. Double the rope and make sure there's enough to tie the knot. There shouldn't be so much left that you can trip on it. Put on your descending dove.
 - d. You have gloves that fit.
 - e. Get help from Pastor if you need it.
3. When the prelude begins, put on your gloves and take the cross from its wall bracket.
4. Always hold the cross upright and as high as you can comfortably hold it. (Except when you're under the balcony.)
5. Go to the head of the procession. You're the leader!
6. When the congregation begins singing the first hymn, lead the procession in. Walk slowly, and, again, hold the cross upright and as high as you comfortably can.
7. When you reach the front, go up to the top of the stairs, turn and face the congregation.
8. After the last person in the procession (usually the pastor) reverences the cross, turn and take the cross to its bracket to the right of the altar. Take off your gloves and put them on the hanging table. Remain standing.

PROCESSING AT THE END OF THE SERVICE

1. When the music for the closing hymn begins, put on your gloves, and take the cross from the bracket on the wall.
2. Wait for the pastor. When the pastor begins walking toward you, you walk toward the pastor. After the pastor reverences the cross, turn, walk slowly down the stairs and down the center aisle. As always, hold the cross upright and as high as you comfortably can.
3. When you reach the back of the church, turn around and face the front. Watch out for the lower ceiling under the choir loft.
4. After the pastor says the dismissal, go into the narthex and put the cross and gloves away.

PROCESSING BEFORE THE GOSPEL IS READ

(Example: Easter, Pentecost, Reformation, All Saints, etc.)

1. The Gospel procession usually begins after the Second Lesson. So be ready. Put your gloves on during the Second Lesson.
2. When the processional hymn begins, stand and take the cross from the bracket on the wall.
3. Wait for the pastor and acolytes. When they begin walking toward you, you walk toward them. After the pastor reverences the cross, turn, walk slowly down the stairs and down the center aisle. As always, hold the cross upright and as high as you comfortably can.
4. Stop in the center "cross" area (this is where there are two shorter pews for wheelchair seating), and turn around. Continue to hold the cross upright and high.

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PROCESSING AFTER THE GOSPEL IS READ

1. After the Pastor has finished reading the Gospel, the Pastor and bookbearer will step aside. Begin processing toward the front of the church.
2. When you reach the front, go up to the top of the stairs, turn and face the congregation.
3. After the pastor reverences the cross, turn and take the cross to its bracket to the right of the altar. Take off you gloves and put them on the hanging table. Remain standing until the pastor seats you.