

## **WORSHIP MINISTRIES**

### **Acolytes**

The acolytes serve as crucifer, torches, servers, and on special occasions as thurifer and boat, at the 10:30 am Sunday service, and Holy Week services. Acolytes are invited to serve by the Rector. The Acolyte Customary can be found [here](#)

### **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild aids the rector in his/her liturgical and sacramental ministry by preparing the chapel and church for all of the liturgies of the church: Holy Eucharists, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals. They maintain the sacred vessels, linens, and vestments of the church and ensure that there is an adequate supply of candles, holy water, communion wafers and sacramental wine. Altar Guild ministers are invited to serve by the Rector.

### **Audio/Visual**

This ministry provides for the effective use of the sound and recording system in the church.

### **Flower Guild**

The Flower Guild purchases and prepares the flowers in the chancel area, and decorates the chapel and church for Christmas and Easter. They also provide special arrangements for funeral receptions.

### **Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**

"A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith." (Title III.4.6 of the National Canons)

"Eucharistic Ministers must be confirmed communicants in good standing. As is the case for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, it is expected that licensed Eucharistic Visitors shall do their best to pattern their lives in accordance with the teachings of Christ, striving in all things to be wholesome examples to the people of God. Thus it is not appropriate to recommend for licensing anyone whose lifestyle is an affront to the Gospel, for instance, anyone known to be perpetrating fraud, a malicious gossip, or someone known to be engaging in

sexual relations outside of holy matrimony.” (Guidelines for Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors in the Diocese of Central Florida) Anyone interested in this ministry should speak to the Rector. Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors aid in the worship of the congregation by assisting the clergy in the administration of the chalice at Holy Communion, and in reading the Sunday lections. The LEMs also serve as acolytes at the 5:00 pm Saturday and 8:00 am Sunday services in the chapel. LEMs and Lectors are invited into this ministry by the Rector. The customaries for LEMs serving at both Chapel and Church services can be found here.

### **Music Ministry**

The Minister of Music and Choir aid in the worship of the congregation by leading the congregation in the singing of the hymns and songs of praise during the Sunday morning worship, the Thursday evening healing service, and during special liturgies.

### **Ushers**

The ushers are responsible for preparing the chapel and church for worship by setting the thermostat to the appropriate temperature, making sure all the doors are open before the services, and locked after the services, by ensuring the CCTV is turned on in the Cry Room, by welcoming people as they enter the chapel or church and handing them a service bulletin. The ushers take the count of the congregation, take up the offering, assign someone to bring forward the elements at the offertory, and ensure the congregation knows where and when to go up to receive communion, they also are responsible for indicating to the clergy any member of the congregation who needs to have communion brought to them in their pew. Ushers are invited to serve by the Rector.