

Acolytes

Acolytes assist the priests during worship services. Acolytes light candles, carry the processional cross, candles, banner, and the Gospel. Some assist the priests in setting the table for The Eucharist. Others will help with the offertory. On special occasions when incense is a part of the liturgy an acolyte will be charged with swinging a thurible.

At Emmanuel, youth and adults participate as acolytes. Youth can begin acolyting in the fifth grade and continue until they graduate from high school. Adults college age and older are welcome to serve on the adult team. Training is required and provided prior to serving. Various commitment levels are welcomed. The Associate Rector and the Verger provide the training and coordinate acolyte activities.

Emmanuel has 30+ youth acolytes and 5 or so adult acolytes serving on a rotating schedule at both the 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I and the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II services. Youth acolytes serve on teams of four or more at the 10:30 a.m. services and adult acolytes serve individually at the 8:30 a.m. services. During special services throughout the year - Holy Week, Christmas, Choral Evensong, etc. - both youth and adult acolytes serve in tandem.

The ministry leader is identified on the ministry contact list.