

Serving God, serving each other, Serving Communion

St. Andrew's Session has been considering ways we can invite people to share in ministry, in *Growing. Life. Together. With God.* How can we be more inclusive in worship participation for our people? One thing we have been discussing is including more people in serving Communion. We would like to include youth, elders, people who used to be on Session, as well as people who have never been on Session!

At our May 19, 2026 Session Meeting, **St. Andrew's session approved that everyone at St. Andrew's can be included in serving Communion.**

One of our priorities for 2026 is supporting our youth and families. We aren't the only people thinking about this. We aren't even the only Presbyterians thinking about this. The Presbyterian Church in Canada has asked:

How can a church welcome children and youth?

Some suggestions they offered: invite youth to serve alongside you in all sorts of ways: collecting and counting offering, setting up chairs, cleaning up after events, greeting, working in a food bank, leading prayers, reading Scripture, serving Communion.

Although we are highlighting youth above, remember the ending of the first paragraph. This is not just a focus on including youth, it's a focus on including EVERYONE who feels called to serve Communion. Whether you have been part of the church for years, or are new to worship at St. Andrew's. Whether you are old or young. On Session or not on Session. EVERYONE. All. YOU.

We feel this aligns with our Vision Statement of *Growing. Life. Together. With God.* Everyone is included. Everyone is invited. Everyone can participate as they feel called.

WHO? ANYONE who would like to be part of a team to serve Communion can sign up.

HOW? There is a sign-up sheet in the Foyer. Anyone who signs up and is new to serving will be contacted to meet with Rev. Laurie and a few elders for a short time to talk about what Communion means, and what your role will be on Communion Sunday. People who are new to serving will be paired with an elder who has served before, so everyone will have a partner!

We hope you see this as an exciting way to share in ministry together. Serving Communion is indeed one of our highest privileges. If you have any questions, please speak with me, an elder, or Rev. Laurie.

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