
Why do we have acolytes?

Lighting candles is symbolic for Jesus entering the sanctuary during worship (the Bible refers to Jesus many times as light).

Carrying the light out at the end of service is symbolic of those in church carrying Christ with them as they enter the world.

Fun facts:

- The Christ candles sit on the altar. The altar symbolizes Jesus' sacrifice.
- The cross is also on the altar, and reminds us of the resurrection. In our church, the cross is empty because, duh, Jesus is Risen!
- There are two Christ candles; one symbolizes Jesus as a person; the other symbolizes Jesus as God.

Thank you for serving your church in this way!

Nuts & Bolts...Scheduling

Once we have a list of kids who want to acolyte and have been trained, Valecia will put together a schedule. We will work in teams when possible. We are counting on you to be the acolyte when you are scheduled. If you can't make it, please work with your parents to find a suitable replacement (must be 3rd grade or older and trained).

Questions? Call the church office at 316-321-6220 or e-mail Valecia at valecia.scribner@firstumceldorado.org



Guide for Acolytes

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

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Who can be an acolyte?

After you receive your third grade Bible, you may train to be an acolyte. If you can show that you can be safe and appropriate during training, we will add you to the schedule.

What do I do?

Acolytes light the Christ candles at the beginning of service, and take the light out of the sanctuary at the end.



Bringing the Light In . . .

Arrive at 10:55 to the usher's room, ready to light candles on time.

An usher will be there to help you light your candle lighter and to tell you when to go.

Walk Slowly but not too slowly.

You are carrying fire, so please don't rush. Walk at a pace that is normal and comfortable for you.

If you can't get a candle to light, don't panic!

Simply pretend you were able to light it, and go about your business.

After lighting the candles...

go to the center, turn toward the congregation, and blow out the candle lighter. Walk back to the usher's room. Hang the candle lighter back up, and return to your seat.



Taking it Back out . . .

After Children's Time, head to the usher's room to get the candle lighter.

An usher will be around to help if you need it.

Collect the flame from one of the Christ candles.

Just gently place the wish of the candle lighter into one of the flames of the candles.

Extinguish both Christ candles AFTER you've lit the candle lighter.

Go to the center, turn and face the congregation and head down the aisle at a slow but comfortable pace.

Go all the way back to the Narthex (tiled area) before blowing out the candle lighter.

Everyone in the congregation should see the light of Christ exit the space.