

We Need You!
Worship Assistant Positions Available!

Sometimes we take for granted how things happen around the church. When I was a youngster, I used to think that “The Church Fairy” made sure that the paraments were changed, the Communion supplies were on hand, and a never-ending stream of ushers, crucifers, readers, assisting ministers, greeters, and acolytes were at the ready.

Guess what; I was wrong! Real live people do all this planning and coordinating. It’s tedious and time-consuming, especially because peoples’ schedules are so hectic. It used to be that folks would be scheduled a month at a time as ushers or greeters, for example; those days are long gone!

I’ve served in a lot of churches; and in most of them, there has been a goodly list of people willing to serve as ushers, greeters, and communion assistants in particular. Sometimes getting readers (lectors) and assisting ministers was a bit tougher because of the specific skills involved. Acolytes – well, that depended somewhat on how many young people there were!

Anyhow, enough about “other places way back when;” what about St. Paul’s? ***We have a serious shortage of worship assistants!*** The same few folks are doing the same tasks every week; sometimes, if they can’t be there, we simply have no one as a backup (and sometimes folks are “swapping” weeks at the last minute, so we really don’t know who might show up at all!).

This is a call for ushers; acolytes, and greeters in particular! We are approaching Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, when we have large numbers of people in general and visitors in particular. Simple courtesy and hospitality demands that we have folks ready, willing and able to greet; point out available seating (or the way to the rest rooms!); hand out bulletins (and let the pastors know if we’re running short so extras can be printed “on the fly”); and assist people in coming forward for Communion in a gracious yet efficient manner. ***We need YOU!***

We also need additional acolytes for these festive services – as well as for the other Holy week services (and throughout the year, of course). Yes, we just had a training session; but because many folks go out of town, our “youth supply” is depleted during spring break!

Please consider this your personal invitation to do some of “the work of the people” (which is what LITURGY means) as an offering of love to our risen Savior, as well as to the people drawn here to worship Him. Fill out, detach, and return the form below (in the offering plate or directly to the church office). Thank you, and may God bless your service in His name!

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Name: _____ Phone/email: _____

(check all that apply)

- 8:30 11:00 other
 once/month the whole month of (_____) as needed
- usher greeter communion assistant acolyte nursery
 reader assisting minister altar guild
 I'm willing to serve but will need some training (or a refresher!)