

Ushers Are Important Servants of God

Your job as an usher is to make others feel welcome, as welcome as you would have them feel as an honored guest in your own home.

For example, at your home you would show them where to sit and hang their coats, making them feel welcome and comfortable— making them want to come again.

Ushering is an important part of the Church. You might tend to a few or a number of things, possibly escorting someone to the restroom or helping a mother with a crying infant. You may have to get extra chairs or answer the phone if it rings during worship.

An Usher's job is never done. Be prepared for surprises or an unexpected turn of events.

Just remember, there are no wrong ways, only right ways to do ushering, as long as you are graciously being helpful.

To become an Usher, please contact Marilyn Klose at 425-337-1586.

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Ushering At Advent

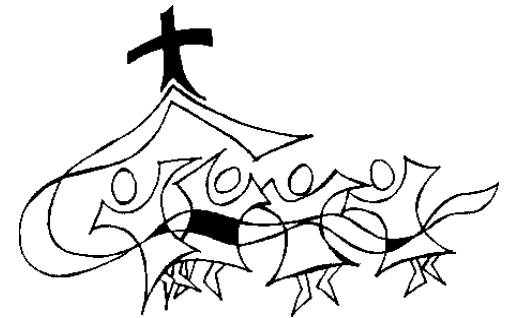
contact your Usher Coordinator
Marilyn Klose at
425-337-1568

or

Leave a message for Marilyn at the church office
425-337-5373

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What is an Usher?

Ushering is a way to show our appreciation and hospitality toward others. An Usher's job is to make others comfortable in their current environment.

We are all here to help each other. Just for the day, you are being extra helpful to make our church a more loving and hospitable place to be.

Who can be an Usher?

You can be an Usher.

Adults are always needed to Usher. There are so many reasons to become an usher: Smiling faces, helping others, having the opportunity to meet members of your congregation.

Children make great ushers. Children are naturally willing to help others. It is their way of learning. Children are just as welcome as adults are in the world of Ushering here at Advent.

Some churches have "elite" few designated as ushers, but here at Advent, we believe that many age groups can participate. We encourage families to become our "Usher Family" of the day.

What are the responsibilities?

Responsibilities **BEFORE** service are:

- Arrive at the church 20 minutes early for special instructions for the service.
- Check the bulletin for the order of service.
- Make sure the gym and classrooms are unlocked for teachers and students.
- If there will be communion, check with the pastor to see if your help is needed.
- Check to make sure the offering plates are out.

Responsibilities **DURING** service are:

- Hand out bulletins and greet people. Make sure to offer bulletins to children.
- Fill out the Usher Response Form in the Ushers' box and place it in the offering plate.
- Greet and welcome any late-comers and invite them into the sanctuary.
- Assist in passing offering plates thru the congregation. Be sure to offer it to everyone.

DURING worship cont'd.

- Assist in returning worship furniture to storage.
- Turn off all lights
- Pick up any stray papers and garbage.

Responsibilities **AFTER** service are:

- Make sure all the candles are out.
- Assist in returning worship furniture to storage.
- Turn off all lights
- Pick up any stray papers and garbage.

How will I know what to do?

An experienced Usher will be there to help all new Ushers. Sometimes Ushers will need help just like anyone else. There are others who can help you.

Be helpful and pleasant toward others. One day they might be your usher.

Be courteous to others. Give a hand, a smile, and a friendly Hello.