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Youth Activities

- Kids in 7th grade and above are invited to participate in youth activities. During the program year, we provide a mix of social activities, service projects and faith-based discussions.
- Please see the monthly newsletter for detailed current offerings.
- Youth are encouraged to assist with the programming for younger children.
- Confirmation is offered in partnership with the Evanston churches, every other year (the next session will be 2024-25).

Liturgical Assistants

Children are encouraged to help lead the Sunday Worship Service. If they have the desire to participate and are ready to perform the duties responsibly, Church leaders will work with families to determine readiness, and help each child find the appropriate role.

- **Acolytes** are trained to help lead worship. They light candles and carry the torches in the opening procession, at the Gospel procession, and at the recessional. They receive the offerings and help the deacon prepare the altar for communion. They assist the presider as needed.
- **Lectors** read the scripture passage aloud to the congregation as part of our worship.

- **The Tech Team** is responsible for streaming our worship services on Zoom. Two tech team members serve at a time. Children will shadow for a period of time.
- **Ushers** are the first people greeting worshipers as they enter church on Sunday mornings. They offer service bulletins, collect the congregation's offerings, and bring gifts to the altar. Ushers are ready to assist people with questions or those who need any assistance. Children will first serve with a parent.
- **Assisting Ministers** lead the procession, assist at the altar, and help with the distribution of communion. Youth who are confirmed and interested may be trained to serve as assisting ministers.
- **Chalice Bearers** serve the consecrated wine at Communion. Youth who are confirmed and interested may be trained to serve as chalice bearers.
- **Altar Guild** members prepare for the sacred feast we share every week. The Guild works in teams that rotate throughout the year. Members prepare the sanctuary for worship and then set up for the week to come. Children will first serve with a parent.