



FOR A FAMILY, IT IS A PRECIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT TIME WHEN YOUR CHILD EXPRESSES READINESS TO MOVE FROM A NON-COMMUNING MEMBER TO A FULL COMMUNING MEMBER OF THE CHURCH.

OUR COMMUNICANTS TRAINING IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS BETWEEN 5TH AND 8TH GRADE WHO ARE READY TO BECOME COMMUNING MEMBERS OF CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH.

AT CHRIST COVENANT, WE WANT TO HONOR YOUR ROLE AS THE PRIMARY DISCIPLE-MAKERS OF YOUR CHILDREN AND COME ALONGSIDE YOU IN THIS PROCESS. ADDITIONALLY, WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE ROLE OF THE ELDERS IN SHEPHERDING, ASSESSING AND ADMITTING THESE SAME CHILDREN INTO COMMUNING MEMBERSHIP.

TO THAT END, WE HAVE DESIGNED OUR COMMUNICANTS TRAINING PROCESS TO ALLOW FOR BOTH OF THOSE RELATIONSHIPS TO BE DEVELOPED MORE FULLY.



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## COMMUNICANTS CLASS

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# WHAT DOES READINESS FOR MEMBERSHIP LOOK LIKE?

Although not an exhaustive list, here are some things to look for in your child to determine if he/she is ready to undertake this process:

- Is your child initiating the desire for membership? Your child should have a desire to begin the process. It should not be a parent driven decision.
- Does your child articulate to you an adequate understanding of his/her own sin and need for a savior?
- Is your child exhibiting the fruits of the spirit stemming from faith in Christ?
- Does your child show a growing attentiveness to the preaching of God's Word?
- Does your child show a habit of repentance from sin?
- Does your child show an increased desire to read God's Word and spend time with Him in prayer?

# ENCOURAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Please note that this class will be held every year, so if your child is not ready now, you are welcome to wait. God works in each child's heart at a different time and we are here to celebrate with you whenever that may happen!

We are honored to partner with you in this important stage of your child's life, so please let us know if we can be of assistance to you in any way.



# I THINK MY CHILD IS READY... NOW WHAT?

The Communicants training process goes from fall through the spring.

## **FALL:**

- Applications are accepted by the Children's Ministry Director.
- Students are matched with an elder who will walk with the family through the communicant process.

## **FALL/WINTER:**

- Parents will work through the workbook "Understanding the Faith" with their child.
- Your assigned elder will meet with you and your child 3 times to shepherd you through the process.

## **SPRING:**

- Student will attend a four-week Communicants Class.
- Student and elder will have a final meeting. If parents and elder agree that the child is ready, he/she will be invited to fully join the church and take communion.