

# ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*St. James's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA*

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Did you know all youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to become an acolyte, or that over 75 youth are currently serving as acolytes here at St. James's? Becoming an acolyte is a great way to serve others and learn more about the Episcopal Church. Thank you to all our current acolytes for serving in this important ministry.

**All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders can become an acolyte at any time!**

## Acolyte Ministry 101...

- All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to acolyte, even those who sing in youth choir.
- To become an acolyte, you just need to contact the acolyte masters and attend an acolyte training.
- Beginning in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, you're eligible to be a torch bearer and banner bearer.
- Starting in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, you're eligible to be trained as a crucifer.
- Once trained, you'll be assigned to an acolyte team that serves in worship about 8 times throughout the school year. In the summer, individual acolytes sign up for 1-2 services when available.
- If you can't serve when scheduled, it's each acolyte's responsibility to arrange a substitute.
- All acolytes are asked to attend a training session annually as a refresher, and to welcome new acolytes!



### Training Sessions for New & Returning Acolytes:

Thursday, Aug. 23: Torch & Banner Bearers 5:30-6:15pm & Crucifers 6:15-7:00pm

-OR-

Sunday, Aug. 26: Crucifers 9-9:45am & Torch & Banner Bearers 11:15am-12:00pm

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact the acolyte masters. We hope you've all had a wonderful summer. Thanks!

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