

## **Acolyte Corps**

Guiding principle: Be reverent.

Primary purpose: to enhance the worship service with order and dignity.

Secondary purposes: to train men for the Ministry, to encourage the boys of the congregation in the faith, to provide camaraderie

Leader: Pastors of Redeemer

Acolyte Dean: Acolyte alumnus who assists with training, scheduling, etc

Qualifications for acolytes:

1. Boys only, no girls.
2. The boys should be admitted to the altar before being trained or serving as acolytes.
3. The boys are volunteers. This is not a part of confirmation or school instruction. They can quit whenever they desire to after communication with their parents.
4. The boys must accept instruction. Not only can they quit, they can be asked by the pastor to quit or asked to take some time off. The pastors will address them if they are consistently unwilling to embody reverence in their duties. This will become visible by how the boy is carrying out his duties or because of how he is behaving with the other boys or how he is acting outside the service.
5. The parents need to be supportive. The boys need to be available for training and be at service at least 15 minutes before scheduled duty. The families are in charge of taking care of washing and ironing the acolyte's vestments.