

# Eucharistic Visitor Training

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*In worship, come forward to receive a Eucharistic Visitation box, which should be on the Table. In most congregations, you will be commissioned every time you deliver communion, coming after the distribution of communion and before the post communion prayer. This lets the congregation know who is doing this ministry that day and gives you an opportunity to receive the gifts from the table.*

You will need: 1) Peace, love, and joy. 2) A Sunday Bulletin. 3) Eucharistic Visitor Box (check it!)

## 1. Remember Who You Are!

Elder.Deacon.Eucharistic Visitor//You come in the name of Christ!//Talk through roles with your partner//Pray before you go//Announce who you are!!! "I am here to bring you communion from this morning's Eucharist at First Presbyterian Church." This sets the tone of the visit.

## 2. Extend the Table

Extend the experience of Sunday Morning to them//Take the Sunday bulletin with you **AND LEAVE IT THERE!**//Extend joy, hospitality, peace, welcome//Smile & Relax

## 3. Set the Table

Do you have a napkin or paper towel?//Prepare//Pour the cups//Notice or ask re: NPO, etc

## 4. Read Scripture, Pray, Commune

Know your style//Use Matt's resources [www.mattmeinke.com/resources](http://www.mattmeinke.com/resources) //or Use the Sunday bulletin//or free-form//Remember your MUSTS (scripture, prayer, "Take and eat, this is my body" "Take and drink, this is my blood", Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven)//ALL guests

## 5. Visit

Share the Love of Christ//Communicate God's loving care//Share prayer requests//Remind them of their ministry: to pray for the needs of others, the pastor & the church's ministries, ask them to pray for you//Remember Matt's K.I.S.S. principle//15-20 minutes total

## 6. Afterwards

Communicate back to Pastor Matt or the chair of Deacons (that you visited or could not, but also any other essential information)

*Be sure to clean and empty your return your communion boxes , and return them to the church ASAP.*