

PROCESSING AND RECESSING GUIDELINES (2016)

Please follow these guidelines if processing/recessing is part of the worship service.

Processing Order:

The procession begins from the narthex. The crucifer (carries cross) leads the procession. The Choir, Banner Bearer, Assisting Minister (carries the pulpit Bible at chin height), and pastor follow in order behind the crucifer.

*The Assisting Minister (AM) finds a person to be the crucifer or banner bearer.

Gospel Procession:

When there is a Gospel Procession – AM gets the Bible from the pulpit while the crucifer gets the cross and leads the AM and pastor half-way down the main aisle. AM turns, holding the Bible against his/her chest so pastor can read. After the reading, AM and pastor step to the left so the crucifer can pass by and lead the procession back. AM returns the Bible to the pulpit. Crucifer puts the cross back in holder.

Final Recession:

The crucifer gets the cross, meanwhile the AM gets the Bible from the pulpit. The crucifer leads the recession from the front of the church to the narthex. The choir, banner bearer, Assisting Minister (carrying Bible), and pastor follow behind the crucifer.