

# FIRST

# COMMUNION

**This class prepares kids to engage in the sacraments of communion and baptism.**

## FAQ

- **What is the first communion class?** This class helps prepare elementary-school-aged children to take communion and be baptized, if they were not baptized as an infant.
- **Is my child ready for this class?** If your child has acknowledged their faith in Christ, can articulate their faith, and is able to examine themselves before taking the Table then they are ready for the class.
- **What age group is this class for?** This class is for children in 3rd-5th grade. **What if my child is younger (under 3rd grade) and expressing interest or older (6th-7th grade)?** If your child is younger and has acknowledged their faith in Christ, can articulate their faith, and is able to examine themselves before taking the Table, then they may be ready to take this class but will need to meet with the children's director before signing up. If your child is in 6th-7th grade, they will be provided the class materials to work through independently, and they will meet with an elder or pastor when they have completed the materials. They do not need to take the class.
- **How long is the class and when does it meet?** The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am for five weeks in the fall.
- **What is covered in this class?**
  - **Lesson 1** – God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
  - **Lesson 2** – Jesus: God's Love and Redemption
  - **Lesson 3** – The King and Kingdom
  - **Lesson 4** – The Church and Sacraments
  - **Lesson 5** – The Bible and The Lord's Prayer



- **Who teaches the class?** This class is taught by our pastors and elders.
- **Are there materials for the class?** Your child will receive a student handout each week to help them through the class. We encourage families to set aside regular time for discussing and reviewing the materials, as well as practicing prayer.
- **What happens when the class is over?** Upon completion of this class, your child will meet with an elder to talk through the Apostles' Creed, their profession of faith, baptism, and communion. After the meeting with the elder, it will be determined if your child is ready for next steps or not. If your child is ready for next steps, a pastor will reach out to you to let you know about a designated Sunday where we present these children in front of the congregation and invite them to take their first communion and be baptized (if they haven't been baptized).
- **What if my child isn't ready for next steps?** It's ok if your child isn't ready after completion of the class and meeting with the elder. God works on each child's heart in different ways and at different times. If your child isn't ready to partake in these sacraments upon completion of the class, then we will continue to pray for your child and there will be other opportunities for your child to meet with an elder and partake in these sacraments at a future date.