

Communion @ Home

At Wooddale Church, we regularly observe the ordinance of communion as part of our worship services. During this season of gathering virtually for worship services in our homes, we encourage you to also celebrate communion with us. Please take these simple steps to prepare:

- 1** Before the worship service begins, select two different edible elements within your home that will represent the bread and drink. We suggest bread or crackers for the food, and juice or water for the drink.
- 2** After the sermon portion of the online worship service, you will receive specific direction from the pastor that communion is about to begin.
- 3** Follow the instructions from the pastor as to when to distribute, eat and drink the elements. You are encouraged to partake in communion whether you are alone, or with others who are gathered together with you.

*Note: If you have multiple individuals with you, we recommend that you prepare individual servings of the food and drink during this season.

What is Communion?

Scripture tells us that Jesus initiated communion as a way for his followers to remember his sacrifice on the cross for our sins (Matthew 26:17-30; Luke 22:14-20). The bread represents Christ's body, which was given on our behalf (John 10:17-18). The cup represents Christ's blood, which was shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins (Romans 3:24-25). In remembering the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, we also proclaim him as the Lord and Savior of our lives and celebrate our new life in Christ together (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans 5:9-11).

Who should observe communion?

Scripture teaches that those who partake in communion should be born-again believers, walking in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 2:42-46; I Corinthians 11:23-29). For this reason, if you haven't yet made Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, we kindly ask that you just observe this portion of our worship service and consider God's love for you through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We encourage you to reach out us with your questions, doubts and what might be holding you back from making Jesus your personal Lord and Savior. We would be honored to talk with you more about your faith journey.

Questions?

Call 952-944-6300 or email info@wooddale.org if you have questions.