

“Should I Take Communion Here?”

If you're visiting with us you may wonder whether or not you should receive the sacrament of Communion (the Lord's Supper). We don't want anyone to feel uncomfortable in partaking. We also don't want anyone to partake merely as a form or ritual or just to be sociable! In fact, the Bible says it's dangerous to do so. This isn't our table. It's not the table of the Bible Presbyterian Church. It's the Lord's table. Therefore, we seek to follow His instructions as closely as we can.

In light of His instructions, we invite you to commune with us if each of the following is true:



- ✓ You have repented of your sins, and are trusting Jesus Christ—apart from any works of your own—for right standing with God.
- ✓ You have been baptized, either as an infant or as an adult. Baptism, the sign of union, must always precede the Lord's Supper, the sign of communion. (If you have never been baptized, please consider speaking with our pastor.)
- ✓ You are not living secretly and unrepentantly in sin but are striving by the help of the Holy Spirit to glorify God with your entire life.
- ✓ You are currently a communing member in good standing of a reformed or evangelical church, or do recognize the responsibility of our elders to fence the table, and are willing to be in submission to them in their office in the Church of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ You have not been excommunicated or asked by your church to refrain from taking communion. We respect the discipline of other churches, and we do not want to encourage the practice of lowering the standards of Christian living or evading accountability by allowing unrepentant people to do what their own congregations do not allow them to do.

If you can sincerely say “Yes” to each of these things, then we welcome you in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We believe He wants you to renew your covenant bond with Him and us in this way.

If you cannot say “Yes” to each of these things—or if you are not sure—we ask that you please refrain from partaking at this time, and we invite and encourage you in Christ's name to talk with the pastor about how to take steps to enable you to enjoy communion with Christ and His people.