

Dear CES Families,

Fall 2017

Every morning in chapel our students remind me--by their very beings--that they belong to God more than to us, and watching them grow fills each day with unfolding miracles. Most of our school worships together daily, and five times each year we share communion in a service in the Episcopal Church known as Holy Eucharist. Together we celebrate God's certain presence among us through the gifts of blessed bread and wine. For this reason we define Eucharist as a sacrament: "an outward, visible sign of an inward, spiritual grace."

We celebrate our first Eucharist on September 13. Following the parish's policy of Open Communion, all who seek God and are drawn by Christ are welcome to receive the bread and wine, though may choose other options as each family prefers. All worshipers come to the altar rail to receive communion electing to receive just bread; both bread and wine; or to receive a blessing.

Each family is invited to consider its preference for their child's participation in Holy Communion, and we prepare students for this experience in chapel as well. Each family is asked to complete the tear-off form below. **Please return these forms to your child's homeroom teacher or advisor by Wednesday September 13.** Any child without a form on September 13 will be invited to receive a blessing. Feel free to contact The Rev. Cindy Simpson with any questions regarding chapel services and our community's spiritual life at 301-424-6550 x136.

Parents are welcome in chapel any school morning (except with delayed openings) from 8:00- 8:20 and to enjoy the spiritual vitality of this community. May God's grace, strength and peace enfold your household now and in all the seasons yet to come.

Sincerely,
The Rev. Cynthia Simpson,
Chaplain

Communion Preferences for Holy Eucharist Chapel Services 2017-2018

Student/s Name(s)

Teacher or Advisor

_____ I would like for my child to receive both bread and wine.

_____ I would like for my child to receive just bread.

_____ I would like for my child to receive a blessing.

Parent signature

Date

Please return this form either to the school office or to your child's homeroom teacher or advisor by Wednesday, September 13. Thank you!