

EARLY PATH TO FIRST COMMUNION

During their child's fifth grade year, parents are invited to have their son or daughter participate in a series of five lessons of instruction in the Sacrament of Holy Communion that will culminate in them receiving their first communion.

- This class will be taught on Sunday mornings from 9:15-10:15 beginning the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday and concluding on the Sunday prior to Palm Sunday. They will receive their first communion on Maundy Thursday.
- These five lessons will be attended by the student and at least one parent, hopefully both.
- For those who elect to participate, attendance at each session is required.
- The lessons will be facilitated by either of the pastors and/or the Director of Discipleship.
- Attendance at the Lord' Supper will be monitored throughout the years leading up to the rite of confirmation (*which will take place in the fall of their freshmen year of high school.*)
- This course is *optional*, not required until the 8th grade year. Parents who wish to wait to have their son or daughter be eligible to receive Holy Communion can opt to participate in subsequent years.

For the first year of implementation, students in all four grades (5th-8th) will be invited to participate in this "First Communion" class. In subsequent years, it will be for fifth graders only (as an option), as well as for any sixth through eighth grade students new to our church or who elected to not participate in previous years.

