

There are four basic elements to the serving of communion.

The Invitation

“This is the Lord’s table. It does not belong to Windwood Presbyterian Church, nor to the Presbyterian Church as a denomination, nor to any denomination, it belongs to the Lord. And he invites those who would, to come and partake of it.”

Prayer of Consecration (The Blessing of the Elements)

“Lord, we thank you for your sacrifice that is represented in these elements, but we thank you even more for the love you have for us that made you willing to make this sacrifice. Set aside these common elements to a special and a sacred purpose, that even as we eat them and are nourished in body, that we would be filled again with the joy of your salvation. We pray these things in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Words of Institution

“And now I deliver unto you, as has been faithfully delivered unto me, that on the night on which he was betrayed, after giving thanks, Jesus took the bread and broke it and gave it to them and said to his disciples, ‘This is my body, broken for you. Take and eat.’ And in like manner, after giving thanks, Jesus took the cup and said, ‘This is the cup of the new covenant in my shed blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. All of you drink of it.’ For as often as we eat this bread, and drink of this cup, we proclaim the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, until he comes again.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

“Lord Jesus, this is our prayer of thanksgiving. We thank you again for loving us and redeeming us. Bless us that we might go forth from your table to share the Good News of your love and grace to our hurting world. We pray these things in your name, Amen.”