

GATES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

The following is from an Advisory Opinion from Presbyterian Church (USA) regarding the celebration of communion.

*The Book of Order gives the responsibility to the Session (and other councils) to authorize the celebration of the Lord's Supper at least quarterly, ... in accordance with the principles of the Directory for Worship. Councils may choose to authorize the celebration as a form of pastoral care so that those receiving communion are able to receive the sacrament as a means of God's grace.*

*In emergency circumstances there may be situations in which the pastoral needs of that moment require that the church take actions that run contrary to normal practice. During an emergency or a pandemic in which the church is unable to gather or advised not to gather in person for reasons of public health, a congregation's session may determine that this includes observing communion online.*

The Session of Gates Presbyterian Church has approved celebrating communion online. See [How to Observe Communion Online](#).