

# Wine in Communion?

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Q: Since we as a church are careful to be biblical in worship, we do we not use wine in communion, when this is what Jesus did? Can wine be offered during communion?

Answer:

- I believe that the practice of using grape juice arises from our cultural history and concerns over alcohol in general.
- I do not believe that alcoholic wine is necessary to be biblical. Scripture speaks of “the fruit of the vine,” which is grapes. Moreover, I personally do not know the relationship between today’s wine vs. the wine of Jesus’ time.
- I imagine that many Christians have reservations about their children drinking alcohol, and also that the church wants to avoid being controversial in this manner.
- Yes, the Session is free to consider offering some wine in communion.