

READER

The Reader reads the Word of God at worship.

1. The Church Secretary will email the scripture passages to you prior to your scheduled Sunday. Print out the scripture passages so you can practice during the week. Please do not change the words or read from a different version as this scripture will match the slides shown during worship (or printed in the bulletin).
2. Visit the website www.EntertheBible.com to get the context and meaning for your reading.
3. Practice standing and reading your scripture passages several times out loud during the week so you are familiar with the readings and the pronunciation of unfamiliar words. The more familiar you are with the readings, the more confident you will be speaking in front of the congregation. People naturally talk quickly when they are nervous and unprepared - practice the readings by speaking slowly and clearly.
4. **Arrive at Peace at least 15 minutes prior to service.** Please check in with any guest Pastor or Worship Leader to let them know you are present and are prepared to read the scripture lessons.
5. Check the pulpit for a printout of the readings (and/or place your own reading copy there) to make sure they are the same ones you practiced and that they haven't changed.
6. Adjust the pulpit microphone if necessary. The pulpit microphone is very sensitive and picks up sounds from many directions (unlike the handheld microphone that must be held close to your mouth when speaking). It is not necessary to lean in close to the pulpit microphone or to speak too loudly when you read, but you should speak up to the congregation and not down to the lesson.
7. Move to the pulpit prior to your reading so that there is not a break in the flow of the service.
8. Please **do not** say "Good Morning" as the congregation has already been greeted and welcomed. Begin by saying "The first lesson is from the book of _____". Speak slowly and clearly.
9. Announce the psalm (if any) with "Please (or Let's) read the psalm responsively. The words are on the screen (or printed in the bulletin)". Announce the second lesson with "The second lesson is from the book of _____". Conclude with "here ends the reading of the lessons" and return to your seat.

THANK YOU FOR MINISTERING TO OTHERS BY READING THE WORD OF GOD!

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