

Scripture Readers

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Scripture readers stand at the lectern during worship service and read the scripture lessons to the congregation.

Number of Volunteers

One volunteer normally reads the scripture lessons. Special services may use multiple readers. The Pastor reads the Gospel lesson.

Additional Responsibilities

None.

Before Worship Service

- Practice reading and speaking the assigned scripture lessons.
- Talk to the pastor if any problems arise with pronunciation or understanding.
- Verify the microphone is on before the start of the worship service. Adjust it to be near (12 inches) your mouth. Practice speaking into the microphone if needed.

During Service

- Walk to the lectern when it is time to read the lessons.
- Read the lessons as printed in the bulletin.
- Turn off the lectern microphone if directed by a sign on the lectern.
- Return to your seat when finished

After Service

- No further responsibilities for this activity.

Additional Notes

- Scripture lessons are listed in the monthly newsletter, *First Word*. The Bible translation used is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV).
- During the week prior to the worship service, the church secretary will provide you via email or mail with a copy of the scripture lessons. If you would like them sooner, please call the church office (665-2615).
- Practice reading the lessons aloud several times before you arrive at church.
- Reading aloud is best accomplished when speaking slower than normal speech.
- When reading the lessons at the lectern, speak clearly and slowly.
- While reading the lessons, occasionally look up at the people listening to you. Look at different areas of the room so everyone feels you are speaking to them.
- The ON/OFF switch is near the microphone base. A green light indicates the microphone is ON.
- Be respectful and positive when sharing the Bible lessons with everyone.