

LAY READER INFORMATION

General Instructions

Thank you for volunteering to be a Lay Reader! Here are a few points to keep in mind:

1. In order to streamline worship and avoid redundancies and/or information and themes which may conflict with the pastors' planned sermons, please do not add additional commentary and background information on the scripture reading. Please only offer a prayer of illumination; cite the scripture passage by book, chapter and verses; and read the scripture.
2. You may select from any of the Prayers of Illumination from [this link](#).
3. Please remember to use the **pulpit bible (NRSV)**, a **pew bible**, or your own **NRSV** bible only. Do not read from printed sheets.
4. PLEASE REVIEW A BULLETIN as to what is scheduled to occur before, during, and after reading. Placement of the scripture reading in the service can vary depending on whether the service is traditional and in the sanctuary, or the NET service. The bulletin will list what is to take place and when during each worship service on that Sunday.
5. Most times there will be a seat for you on the chancel with the pastors, but if there isn't, please remain in the Amen Corner pew until it's time for you to read.
6. Read at a natural **pace** (not too fast!) and **pronounce** your words very clearly. It's okay to be nervous; keep in mind that we all love you!
7. Always say, **"The Word of the Lord..."** at the end of the reading!
8. When you're finished, you can sit in a pew or remain in your seat on the chancel...the choice is yours.
9. There is no need to move the **microphone** towards you. Someone will be at the controls to adjust the sound where needed. Just remember not to let your voice drop or trail off.

That's all there is to it! If you have any questions, ask one of the pastors on Sunday morning before you go in to worship. Thank you again for participating in this vital ministry.