



Readers for the Lessons at Worship Services

The following are some suggested guidelines for readers:

- † **Receive** the lessons for the Sunday you are scheduled to read by email from the church office.
- † Use **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)** of The Bible for readings.
- † **Review** the lessons several times in advance of the service, ensuring that you are comfortable with them.
- † **Review** any difficult words and if you are unsure of the pronunciation, simply pronounce them phonetically as best you can.
- † **Proceed to the lectern** just prior to the readings to maintain the flow of the service. Your presence at the lectern announces that the readings are about to begin.
- † Make **eye contact with the sound person** before changing the microphone position.
- † **Do not say “good morning.”** The Pastor has already greeted the congregation at the beginning of the service. The greeting and expected congregational response breaks the flow of the worship.
- † **Make eye contact with the congregation**, pausing briefly so everyone is ready to listen to the readings.
- † **Announce the lesson:** “The first lesson is from Romans, Chapter 7”, or “The first lesson is from the 7th Chapter of Romans.” The details of the verses are listed in the bulletin so are unnecessary to repeat.
- † **Pronounce the words clearly, refrain from rushing the readings and ensure that volume is appropriate - use the microphone.**
- † **Finish the Reading** by saying “Word of God, Word of Life.” The congregation will respond “Thanks be to God.”
- † When reading the Psalm (use the bulletin), **read both the leader and congregation parts** for live stream purposes.

Thank you for your willingness to serve our congregation in this meaningful way.