

READER DUTIES

Thank you for offering to read scripture during worship – you are appreciated!

Following are some tips to assist you:

- Scripture passages for the coming week are usually printed in the announcements the previous Sunday however the minister/presider will be in touch with you on Thursday or Friday prior to the week you are reading to confirm the passages that will be used.
- Introductions giving context and background to passages are written each week. Writing introductions is a very helpful exercise in knowing more about the passages. If you would like to prepare introductions, you are welcome and encouraged to do so. However, the minister/presider will prepare introductions for you if you wish. This can be confirmed when the minister/presider contacts you.
- Please read through the passages ahead of time to make sure you understand the general sense and are comfortable with the pronunciation of any unfamiliar words.
- You may use any translation of the Bible that you prefer; if you would like some guidance, please contact the minister/presider.
- The pulpit microphone is placed in such a way that it will easily pick up your voice. However, please speak clearly to ensure that you are heard.
- The Responsive Reading or Psalm is led by a member of the choir. There is a chair behind the pulpit where you may sit while they are reading.
- Following the end of the last reading, you may say one of the following:
 - Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
 - The word of God (the congregation will respond: Thanks be to God)
 - God give us wisdom and knowledge so that we may know the truth that is in these words
- You may return to your seat in the congregation once you have finished the last reading.