

Lector Guidelines

The Pastor may invite you forward with the words, "We hear God's Word" or watch the bulletin and come forward when the readings are listed.

- The FIRST LESSON is announced and read.
The First Lesson is from the _____ Chapter of _____ verses _____ and it is found in the Old Testament section of your Bible on page _____ .
(pause to give the congregation a moment to locate the text)
After the lesson the reader says: **"Word of God, Word of Life"**
The congregation responds with: "Thanks be to God"
- The PSALM is announce and read. (Lector will read the first verse and the congregation will read the next verse responsively)
Today's Psalm, Psalm _____ verses _____ is found in the Old Testament section of your Bible on page _____ and will be read responsively full verse by full verse.
(pause to give the congregation a moment to locate the text)
- The SECOND LESSON is announced and read.
The Second Lesson is from the _____ Chapter of _____ verses _____ and it is found in the New Testament section of your Bible on page _____ .
(pause to give the congregation a moment to locate the text)
After the lesson the reader says: **"Word of God, Word of Life"**
The congregation responds with: "Thanks be to God"

Additional information:

- You may expect the microphone to be on, if you sense it is not, switch it on (up).
- The scripture for the week you will be reading will be provided by the Lector recruiter.
- Some lectors have found it helpful to mark the pew Bible with post-it notes to indicate the starting and stopping point for their readings.
- Scriptures for all services **will be read from the pew Bible.**
- Pastor will read the day's Gospel, unless you are otherwise instructed.
- If you are unable to read on your designated day, please try to find a replacement and have the replacement notify the Worship Coordinator that morning that they are reading.

Thank you very much for helping to enhance our worship experience.

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