

Elder Reader Instructions

What do I need to do? The main instructions for our elder reader/greeter are as follows:

1. Regular Greeting Duties: Please arrive at the church ahead of the service and conduct your elder greeter responsibilities as normal. Please watch the time and at **five minutes prior to the start of worship begin moving towards the front of the sanctuary** to join Alan and Bob (or whoever the pastor worship leaders are that Sunday) in the chancel area. Let the lead usher know when you leave your post so that they can take over greeting any latecomers to worship.
2. Sit in the Chancel: Please sit with the pastor worship leader in the chancel area on the lectern side. After the scripture reading you are free to return to a seat in the sanctuary to join your family, etc.
3. Suggested Language: Elder readers/greeters generally already know what to say for the scripture reading; however, a “script” with suggested language for introducing both the Call to Worship and the scripture readings is provided on the next page. You are welcome to print that page off and use during worship.

SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR LAY READERS

Call to Worship

“I invite you to join me as we call ourselves to worship using the responsive call to worship found printed in your bulletin. Please stand as you are able.”

[Lay reader begins Call to Worship]

Scripture Reading

“Our first scripture reading comes from the Book of _____, and can be found on page _____ of your Pew Bible. Let us listen now for a word from God.”

[Reading]

[At the conclusion of the reading, the elder reader says...]

“This is the word of the Lord.”

“Thanks be to God.”