

Lay Leader Instructions

Thank you for being the Lay Leader for the Sunday Worship service. We are grateful for you sharing your gifts with this community of faith. This is an important act of service within the worshipping life of the congregation.

The duties of the Lay Leader require some preparation. You are not **just** reading words on a piece of paper, but are assisting members in worshipping the Lord. It is important to prepare yourself for this role through personal, private prayer as well as to practice reading the various calls, affirmations, prayers and scriptures out loud.

Make sure you have the necessary parts of the service you will be leading:

- 1) Call to Confession
 - did the pastor provide one?
 - do I need to select one?
- 2) Declaration of Forgiveness/Assurance of Pardon
 - did the pastor provide one?
 - do I need to select one?
- 3) Prayer for Illumination
 - select one or
 - write your own
- 4) Scripture
 - practice reading the passage out loud
 - are there any words you are unsure of or need help in pronouncing

The day of the worship service you will help lead:

- meet with the pastor 10-15 minutes before the worship service begins to go over the bulletin
- make sure you have all of the materials you need and get copies of what you have forgotten
- process in with the pastor and sit on the right side as you face the front cross
- after the service, walk out with the pastor
- stand with the pastor to greet people as they leave

Thank you for your assistance in leading God's people in worship!