

## Reader Guidelines

When reading the Scriptures for a Sunday, you will want to do the following:

- ⌚ All Scripture readings are done from the pulpit. Please make sure you adjust the microphone so that it is able to pick up your voice.
- ⌚ Begin each reading by introducing where it is from with words something like:  
    "The first reading is taken from the 52<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Isaiah."  
    "The second reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter."  
Please note that it is not necessary to give the verses of the readings. Since these are printed in the bulletin and are available to people, it is extraneous. Not to mention that it is just a bit too many numbers for people to hear all at once.
- ⌚ You may either use the large pulpit bible or your own copy to read from.
- ⌚ You read only the first and second readings and the Psalm when applicable.
- ⌚ Each reading is concluded with the words: "This is the word of the Lord."
- ⌚ You are also responsible for announcing the Psalm and how it will be read/chanted. These directions are always printed in the bulletin. Use words like:  
    "We will now read the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm responsively. Please join in on the bolded verses." OR  
    "We will chant the 145<sup>th</sup> Psalm. Please join in on the bolded verses." OR  
    "Today we will speak the Psalm antiphonally. The pulpit side will join me on the unbolded verses and the music side will respond with the bolded verses."
- ⌚ If the Psalm is read **responsively**, you will be speaking the unbolded verses **alone**. If it is read **antiphonally**, you will be joined by the pulpit side of the congregation.
- ⌚ If the Psalm is to be chanted, all you do is introduce it! Someone else will take care of chanting it.
- ⌚ If you are unable to read on the Sunday you are assigned, please get a substitute for yourself and contact the church office (285-5402) of any change.
- ⌚ You will receive a copy of the readings the week before you are assigned to read the texts. This will serve as your reminder.

If you have any questions about these guidelines or pronunciation, please do not hesitate to contact the Pastor.