

Lay Reader Instructions

1. Try to arrive at church 5-10 minutes before the service begins so we can be sure you are going to be there. If you have any questions, contact the Deacon of the Day or any other Deacon. Take your seat in the lay reader's chair before the beginning of the service.
2. Following the **Choral Introit**, stand and introduce the **Call to Worship** by saying, *"Would all who are comfortably able please stand."*
3. Lead the **Call to Worship** as printed in the bulletin.
4. When the Call to Worship is over, you may, at your option, introduce the **Opening Hymn**.
5. When the Opening Hymn is completed, introduce the **Prayer of Confession** by saying, *"Please join me in the Prayer of Confession as printed in the bulletin."*
6. Lead the **Prayer of Confession**.
7. Your next assignment is the **Scripture Readings**. Introduce the first by saying, *"The first scripture reading is from _____, chapter _____, verses ____ through ____."* Introduce the second reading as, *"The gospel reading is from ..."*
8. When you have completed the gospel reading say, *"This is the word of God for the people of God"* and take your seat in the congregation.