

Worship Servant Guide: Lectors (Readers)

Lectors are a vital part of proclaiming the life-giving Word of God. They read the scripture passages during worship, pray the prayers of intercession, and lead the dismissal. They also help with other designated readings during special services.

Before Worship:

- ❖ Look up the bulletin on Good Soil's website (posted on Fridays under "Sunday Live" tab). Review the assigned readings and **practice how you will read them** (i.e., noticing where you naturally pause, identifying any tricky words and sounding them out, etc.)
 - A pronunciation guide is located on a clipboard outside the church office in the mail slots. When in doubt with tough words, just bulldoze through them! God knows what you mean :)
- ❖ Please arrive at least 10 minutes before worship. Test the microphone at the lectern to make sure it's on and positioned about **2-3 inches from your mouth** so that it picks up your voice clearly.
 - NOTE: when you tilt your head down to read, the microphone will end up at your nose or forehead level instead of 2-3 inches from your mouth, please gently adjust the mic as necessary.
- ❖ At 9:25am, please come up to the front of the sanctuary to **pray with the pastor and the acolyte** so we can ground ourselves in prayer before serving as worship leaders together.
- ❖ If there is no acolyte present, please pray with the pastor and then step in to fill the acolyte role of lighting and extinguishing the candles that day.
 - Note: If there is no acolyte, the ushers will pass the offering plates during the offering time.
- ❖ At 9:30am, please grab the prayer list off of the podium near the sanctuary doors. You will read this list during the Prayers of Intercession.

During Worship:

- ❖ Read the readings. If a spoken psalm is included, lead the psalm responsively (if the psalm is chanted, it will be led by a musician or cantor).
- ❖ Pray the Prayers of Intercession—be sure to include names on the prayer list at the designated time.
- ❖ Lead the Dismissal from the microphone—**please wait until the acolyte has finished extinguishing the candles** before beginning the dismissal.

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