

Thank you for volunteering to read the Scripture lessons in worship. This is a sacred task and you bless the Epiphany community with your participation.

### Preparation:

- You will receive an email on Wednesday or Thursday of the week prior to the Sunday you are scheduled to read. This email will include a print-out of the First & Second Lessons to be read by you; there will also be a copy of that week's Psalm, so you can follow along and respond while the Assisting Minister leads this reading.
- Please ask Pastor or consult Google if there are words you don't know how to pronounce.
- Read the lessons through once for content; read again for meaning/clarification; and a third time to practice the way you will emphasize points to be stressed.
- The most frequent mistakes Lectors make are to read too fast, or to read without emotion. Try to remember **you are reading the Living Word of God**. Emphasize the points that are made; pause between points or verses. Use emotion if it's called for, to engage the congregation. Some people prefer to hear the Lector read, vs follow along with the Celebrate! insert, so remember that you are bringing God's word alive to your audience.

### Reading:

- There will be a Lector Folder prepared for you by Pastor that will be placed on a bench in the Narthex. This contains the same readings emailed to you. Please review the readings in the folder, however feel free to use your own copies if you've marked words for emphasis, pronunciation, etc. The folder is strictly for your convenience and not required.
- After the Prayer of the Day, Pastor will announce if there is a Children's Sermon. If so, wait to approach the Lectern (next to piano) until after the children are dismissed. If there is no Children's Sermon, you may approach the Lectern and be ready to read after the Prayer of the Day.
- For the Psalm, you may stay at the Lectern or step back a bit, as the Assisting Minister leads the Psalm
- **Announce the reading** by saying, "A reading from \_\_\_\_\_"
- **End the reading** by saying, "Word of God, Word of Life" and return to your seat.
- **Return the Lector Folder to the bench after worship**