

READER

- Peace's office manager will email the scripture passages to you prior to your scheduled Sunday. Print out the scripture passages so you can practice during the week. Please do not change the words or read from a different version, as the scripture passages sent to you will match the slides shown during worship.
- Practice standing and reading your scripture passages out loud during the week, so you are familiar with the readings and the pronunciation of unfamiliar words. The more familiar you are with the readings, the more confident you will be when speaking in front of the congregation. As people naturally talk faster when they are nervous, practice the readings by speaking slowly and clearly.
- If you are interested in the context and meaning of your readings, visit the website enterthebible.org.
- **Arrive at Peace at least 15 minutes prior to the start of worship.** Please check in with the pastor to let him/her know you are present and are prepared to read the scripture lessons.
- Check the pulpit for a printout of the readings.
- Move to the pulpit prior to your reading so that there is not a break in the flow of the service.
- Adjust the pulpit microphone if necessary. NOTE: The pulpit microphone is very sensitive and picks up sounds from many directions (unlike the handheld microphone that must be held close to your mouth when speaking). It is not necessary to lean in close to the pulpit microphone or to speak extra loudly when you read; however, be sure to project your voice up toward the congregation (not down toward the lesson).
- Proceed with the readings. (As the congregation has already been greeted by the pastor, do **not** say "Good morning" before you begin reading.)
- Speak slowly and clearly.

Thank you for serving as Reader!