

# Liturgists Responsibilities

**Purpose:** The Liturgist has the privilege of proclaiming God's word. Volunteering to be the Liturgist is an important part of the worship ministry at DSUMC. Engaging the congregation through reading the Prayer of Illumination and hearing scripture will create an environment of worship and thanksgiving. Your delivery of God's word is a vital part of each service.

## **Suggestions:**

- Be mentally, spiritually and emotionally prepared.
- Be comfortable with the material.
- Have self-confidence.
- Adjust mike to your height and speak slowly and clearly into it. Read in a measured speed and speak up.
- Remember the 3 P's - Prepare, Practice out loud and Pray - If you are unsure how to pronounce a word, name or place please be sure to seek help and understanding prior to the worship service. You might also use the Internet to hear the pronunciation of a word.
- Check the schedule and mark your calendar. If you are not able to be there for your scheduled time please let the coordinator know.
- Check the bulletin upon arrival to ensure the scripture reading has not changed. If it has, be prepared to change when necessary. Also obtain the page number in the pew Bible.
- Know your place in the order of worship and be ready. You might want to sit near the front close to the podium. Or....During the Offertory move to the front of the church near the speaking podium so that the Pastor is aware the Liturgist is present and ready.

**Suggestions on What to say:**

**Option A:**

**Reader:** "Please join me in the Prayer of Illumination which is displayed on the screen."

**ALL:** "Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read, and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen."

**Reader:** "Our scripture reading today is from the Old/New testament, BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSE. If you would like to read along please turn to page \_\_\_\_ in the Pew Bible."

(\*There should be a copy of the reading and a pew Bible at the podium."

*Read the scripture slowly and clearly, with great respect; then hold up the Bible and say...*

"This is the word of God for the people of God."

**ALL:** "Thanks be to God."

*Some may choose the following order. This gives the congregation time to locate the scripture in the Bible.*

**Option B:**

**Reader:** "Our scripture reading today is from the Old/New testament, BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSE. If you would like to read along please turn to page \_\_\_\_ in the Pew Bible.

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