

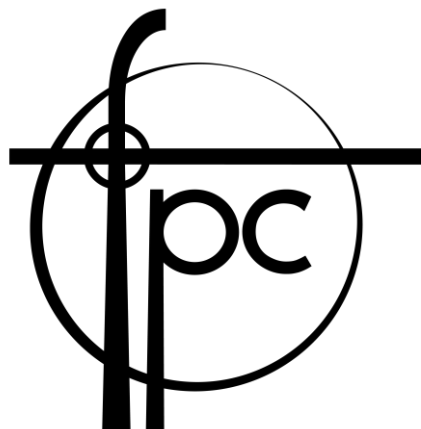
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Thank you for helping with worship leadership! Please spend time this week preparing for your role by reading the lectionary texts and the liturgy you have been given.

Below are your instructions for leadership. You will find listed **where to stand** for the parts of worship you are leading and the **part of worship you will read**. *Note: if stairs and/or standing are difficult for you there are accessible instructions **printed in blue**.* We strive to make leadership possible for people of all abilities. If you would like to lead from the floor please let Sue know and we will provide a lectern or music stand to read from and a chair or stool if needed. If you need additional accommodations please contact the pastor.

Note that the bulletin you have been sent is a draft. Please refer to a final version of the bulletin on Sunday.

+Arrive—no later than 10:10 am. Get your microphone from sound technician. Meet with the Pastor.

Be ready to enter the sanctuary by 10:25 a.m.

Your responsibilities include the following:

Stand centered in front of the table.

Stand or sit between the font and the piano (use lectern if needed)

+Call to Worship—Instruct the congregation to stand, by saying, “Please **stand** in body or spirit and join me in the Call to Worship.” (printed in the bulletin. When all are standing, begin reading.)

Stand directly behind the Baptismal Font

Stand or sit directly behind the Baptismal Font

We do this portion of the liturgy from behind the baptismal font as a reminder of the grace that we receive through our baptism.

+Call to Confession of Sin—Read the Call to Confession that’s printed in the bulletin.

+Unison Prayer of Confession—(printed in bulletin) begin reading this prayer and the congregation will join you.

+Words of Assurance—after a short time of silence (30-45 seconds), say these words printed in the bulletin. **Feel free to dip one hand into the water and lift up the water as you read the words of assurance, signifying that the grace of forgiveness comes through the waters of our baptism.**

Stand centered in front of the table.

Stand or sit between the font and the piano (use lectern if needed)

+Prayer of Dedication—Instruct the congregation to stand, by saying, “Please **stand** in body or spirit and join me in the Offertory Prayer.” (printed in the bulletin. When all are standing, begin reading.)

Stand beside the Pastor for the Benediction

Stand or sit next to the Baptismal Font, not blocking the pastor.

If needed, have a seat in the pews after the Benediction and do not walk out with the pastor.

During the final hymn walk with the pastor to the front of the communion table and stand beside the pastor for the Benediction. After the benediction, leave the sanctuary *walking down the aisle alongside the pastor.*

After worship, turn off your microphone and return it to the cabinet in the Church Office. Thanks again for your help.

In summary, your responsibilities are:

1. Call to Worship from bulletin
2. Call to confession (in the bulletin) and confession and assurance (bulletin)
3. Prayer of Dedication (in the bulletin)

If you feel unsure about your responsibilities, you may want to bring this information with you on a Sunday and make notes in your bulletin to help clarify your responsibilities. If you still have questions, feel free to call the church at (351-2660).

If an emergency occurs and you are unable to be the lay leader on Sunday and cannot reach Susan VanDuyn at (338-4132), call the pastor at the church (351-2660).

** It is recommended that leaders wear something with a pocket or belt so that the microphone may be easily attached.