



Reading the Bible in Worship

Introduction

Thank you for helping with the Bible readings in our services. The public reading of Scripture is an important declaration of who we are and what we believe. Reading aloud can feel daunting, but with a little preparation, it can also be a joy. Here are some pointers to help you feel confident and prepared.

Guidelines

1. We usually use the New International Version (NIV). If you do not have a copy, you can find the passage online or contact the church office.
2. Check the order of service when you arrive so you are ready to move to the lectern at the right time.
3. Clearly announce the book, chapter, and verses you are reading. Please pause to allow people to find the passage in the pew bibles.
4. Prepare by reading the passage several times aloud. Consider where to pause, especially in long or complex sentences.
5. Check the pronunciation of difficult words or names and say them confidently.
6. Speak clearly and project your voice. Let the sound team adjust the microphone levels.
7. Read at a measured pace. Pause at punctuation and allow people to absorb the words.
8. Read with expression, particularly during dialogue.
9. When finished, pause and say confidently: *"This is the word of the Lord."* The congregation will respond: *"Thanks be to God."*

We are blessed to have God's Word and privileged to share it aloud. Thank you for serving in this ministry.