



Instructions for Reader of Scripture:

from _____ (name) monthly coordinator for (month) _____

On behalf of the Worship Committee, thank you for agreeing to read scripture on _____

Three days before the date on which you will be reading, i.e., on Thursday, _____

please check with the church office to find out what Scripture passage you have been assigned (mail@fsaunited.com, or 519-679-8182).

The default version of the bible to be used is the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), which is in the pews; however, if the minister elects to use another version you will be informed by the church office during the week preceding the reading. There are a variety of versions of the bible available in the church library and also available online if you do a search. A good site to find the exact wording of a version is <http://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/> but there are many similar sites.

If you prefer to read your passage from a printed sheet rather than directly from the bible on the lectern, you may go to the website, indicated above, and print it out in advance substituting your preferred type face and font size. Please see the next page for a template where you may insert the correct details and the scripture passage.

The passage should be introduced in the following way: e.g. "A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 24, beginning at verse 13 and continuing to verse 19. Today we are reading from the _____ version of the bible.

Please read slowly, clearly and directly into the microphone so that your voice may be heard throughout the sanctuary, emphasizing direct speech segments; e.g., "And Jesus said ..." Don't hesitate to adjust the microphone up or down to accommodate your height.

At the conclusion of your reading, please lead in the congregational response: "For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us," (pause for the congregation to join in) "thanks be to God."

On the day of your reading it is important that, you arrive at church early and practise from the lectern to determine the appropriate height for the microphone and the distance you need to be from it to ensure you can be heard clearly. When you negotiate your acceptance to be a reader, find out whether your monthly coordinator or Joan Bancroft (the overall Worship Committee Coordinator for Readers) will be on hand to help you with your practice.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

With gratitude to you in Christ,

_____ (name), Scripture Reader Coordinator

for _____ (month and year)

_____ (phone number)

_____ (e-mail address)

TEMPLATE FOR SCRIPTURE READERS

“Today’s reading is from _____ (chapter and number)
beginning at verse _____ and continuing to verse
_____. We are reading from the _____
version of the Bible.”

[Please read slowly, clearly and directly into the microphone so that your voice may be heard throughout the sanctuary, emphasizing direct speech segments.]

“For the Word of God in scripture, among us and within us,
[pause for the congregation to join in] thanks be to God.”