

LITURGIST INSTRUCTIONS

We'd like to thank you for your willingness to participate in our worship by serving as a liturgist for our 10:00 a.m. service this Sunday. In this role, you offer an important assistance and support to the pastor whose interpretation of the scripture will enhance the day's worship. Dress should reflect your leadership role. You are also encouraged to read over the liturgy for the morning, especially your particular parts, so that you are comfortable with the flow of the service and pronunciation of the words.

Please check in with Pastor Scott when you arrive at church, at least 10 minutes prior to the service.

Liturgist responsibilities:

Call to Worship

Introduction of Opening Hymn

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Reading

Call for Offering & Prayer after the Offering (unison)

On Sundays when we have a guest pastor, additional responsibilities will be:

- Welcome & Announcements, including introducing the guest preacher. First, introduce yourself to the guest pastor prior to the service. Once you enter the sanctuary, and the prelude is finished, [please introduce the guest pastor to the congregation](#), then welcome everyone, and share any announcements concerning the ministry of the church. After the announcements, you may say: "Let us worship God" and then return to your seat.

General instructions:

Proceed to the pulpit for the Call to Worship. Speak into the microphone—no more than 6 inches from your voice so all may hear you. **Adjust the microphone if necessary.** Be sure to speak loudly and enunciate clearly so we can hear you!! **After the Call to Worship, please announce the hymn number and name of the Opening Hymn.**

Proceed to the pulpit for the prayer for illumination. Prior to the prayer, we suggest that you say, **"Please join me in the Prayer for illumination. Let us pray."**

The scriptures you will read are _____. We'd like you to read it from the NRSV Bible (pew Bible). Introduce the first reading by saying, **"Today's lesson is from the book of _____, chapter 12, verses ___ to ___."** (See text below.)

After the Prayer time, following the response, please step up to the steps, and invite people to continue in worship by responding to God's love through the sharing of our tithes and offering, inviting the ushers to come forward. Please hand them the offering plates. Once they move, you may return to your seat. When the Doxology begins, please move back to the center. As they usher brings you the offering plates, take them from that person. Hold the plates, inviting the congregation to join you in the printed offering prayer in the bulletin, saying... "In one voice, let us pray... People will join you as you start praying.

Finally, after singing the last verse of the closing hymn, the pastor will go to the pulpit and give the charge and benediction. Then walk out together with the pastor to greet the persons in worship.

Thank you for your active membership at OCPC, and your participation at this Sunday's worship.

Theology/Worship Committee