

## **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY JOB DESCRIPTION LECTOR (Reader)**

### **Nature of the Position**

The job of the reader is to offer the weekly scripture passages to the congregation in a manner that is engaging and educational

### **Outline of Responsibilities**

**In Preparation for Worship:** be aware of the readers schedule and find a replacement if you are unavailable read over the passages before the service either at home (verses are listed in the newsletter) or arrive early so that you are comfortable with the context as well as the reading pick up readers sheets check to ensure that the passage is correct

**At the time of Worship:** move the lectern microphone so that you will be speaking comfortably into it speak slowly, clearly and treat the reading as a story with character and inflection read the context first, then pause before you continue pause after the reading and before the closing response

### **Skills & Experience**

comfortable reading in front of people  
an interest in engaging people in what you are reading and not having scripture be monotonous

### **Boundaries and Limitations**

readers are to use the assigned printed sheets which are taken from the NRSV and are to begin with the prepared context, if provided

### **Support, Supervision & Training**

the Worship Committee and the Rector  
a willingness to attend training sessions

### **Participation Group**

the worshipping community

### **Screening Category**

Low Risk

### **Length of Term**

as desired by the individual in consultation with the Rector or the Worship Committee

### **Benefits to the Volunteer**

the personal satisfaction of knowing you have contributed to the congregation meaningful engagement with the worship service