

Reader FAQ

The purpose of this Reader FAQ is to address many of the key questions that might occur to volunteer readers at Lord of Life. If, after reading this document, you have further questions please feel free to direct them to our Communications Coordinator.

Q: What does being a Reader entail?

A: Scripture Readers serve by reading the first and second scripture lessons, along with the psalm during Lord of Life worship services. They prepare themselves ahead of time by familiarizing themselves with the lessons, paying particular attention to any persons or place names that may be difficult to pronounce.

Q: What about the Gospel Reading?

A: At Lord of Life, the Pastor who is preaching reads the Gospel passage.

Q: Should I bring my own Bible to read from?

A: We will provide you with printed copies of the readings before the service and will email you them ahead of time. One Bible may be translated differently than another, and to have what you say match what we have on the screen, we would prefer you use our copies.

Q: When should I arrive when reading?

A: Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of worship. This will give us time to do a soundcheck with you at the pulpit.

Q: Where should I sit?

A: Please sit near the front of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit. This ensures a smooth and quick transition from the Prayer of the Day to the readings.

Q: I'm nervous about reading in front of so many people. Do you have any advice?

A: Be confident. Do not worry about mispronouncing some word from the Bible, as one of our Pastors says, "There is only one right way to pronounce biblical names — and that is 'with confidence. Bible experts do not have a uniform way of pronouncing biblical terms. The one commonality is that they all do it with confidence.'" Everyone is grateful that you are taking the time to help with an essential part of worship.

Q: Who should I talk to if I have an issue?

A: If you have an issue that needs to be addressed during worship, please report it to the Communications Coordinator.

Q: How do I sign up for a volunteer shift?

A: Lord of Life uses a program called LOLConnect to assist volunteers and staff in coordinating who will be available at different programs. When the Communications Coordinator sends out requests to volunteers like yourself, it comes in an email or text saying you have a serving opportunity. At that point, you can click on the link to LOLConnect and choose whether to accept or decline the request. We must use this system to cut the amount of time you and the coordinator are spending setting up serving opportunities. It also ensures we have a schedule of who will be serving. If you receive a request to help, please accept or decline it as soon as possible. More information can be found in the Volunteer Sign-up FAQ.

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