

## *JOB DESCRIPTION - LAY READER*

**JOB/TASK:** *Lay Reader*

**NUMBER OF PERSONS NEEDED:** - *8:30 Service; 1 - 11:00 Service*

**TIME COMMITMENT/FREQUENCY:** *1 to 6 times/year (no more often than once every two months)*

**SUPERVISOR /CONTACT:** *Cathy Gaugler*

**MINISTRY GROUP RESPONSIBLE:** *Worship*

**REFERENCES:** (people who have done this job and would be willing to answer questions about it) - *John Thomas, Ruth Baxley*

Lay Readers participate in the worship service by reading the assigned scripture passage(s). Once they've received the passage early in the week, they practice reading it aloud and compose the Prayer for Illumination. If possible they prepare a very brief introduction to the passage, putting it in a biblical context. If only one pastor is doing the service, the Lay Reader may also be asked to lead the liturgy, using selections available from the church office. The Lay Reader processes with the pastors into the sanctuary bringing the Bible to the lectern, and carries the Bible from the lectern during the last hymn, usually following the choir.