

Worship Customary

St. Francis in the Field's Episcopal Church

9:00 am and 11:15 am

Lector

Prior to Sunday

1. Read over your assigned lessons. The lessons will be on our website on Wednesdays.
2. All lessons at St. Francis are taken from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible.

Before Worship

1. Arrive at St. Francis twenty minutes prior to the scheduled start of the liturgy.
2. Check the readings sheet on the lectern and ensure it reflects the correct reading.
3. Check on the pronunciation of Biblical terms/names if you are unsure.
4. Seat yourself as near the lectern as possible, to minimize travel time. After your reading, you may return to sit with your family in another part of the church.

During the Service

1. Begin to move toward the lectern as soon as the last speaker is finished speaking. You do not need to wait for the priest/first lector to return to their seat before you stand up. Minimize “dead time” as much as possible.
2. When you come forward to read, please stop briefly and reverence the altar with a slight bow.
3. Please read the lessons from the paper in the lectern. Do not bring the leaflet with you to the lectern. If you wish to read from the leaflet, please place it in the lectern prior to the beginning of the service.
4. Before you begin, make sure the microphone is turned on (green light is illuminated).
5. Please announce the lessons according to the formula listed on the paper which is generally: “A Reading from the Book of ##”. No not add chapter and verse citations.
6. Lectoring is not public speaking or oral interpretation, so you do not need to make eye contact or even look up from the lesson. Simply read in your normal speaking voice, at a moderate pace, without dramatic inflections.