



VISTA

Volunteers Industiously Sharing Their Abilities

LAY LEADER

The lay leader, along with the minister and choir, helps "make worship happen." People depend on worship leaders to provide a meaningful worship experience. The suggestions below outline the basics of this position, and are especially meant to put visitors at ease. While long-time members can find their way around our service of worship and can hear most of what is said (because they understand the context), new members and visitors may feel lost. We want to show everyone we're glad they're here by helping them feel welcome and included in worship!

Prepare for your part in the service.

- ◆ Arrive early enough to familiarize yourself with the worship guide.
- ◆ There will be a special step-by-step "leader's copy" with instructions on the narthex desk.
- ◆ If there are other parts of the service to lead, Pastor Dan will contact you.

The congregation's attention should be on the worship service, not on you.

- ◆ Please try to avoid distracting behavior and mannerisms.
- ◆ Make "eye contact" with the congregation.
- ◆ Speak slowly and distinctly.
- ◆ Use the microphone, even if you have a strong voice.
- ◆ Please stick to the "script" unless you must make an unavoidable change during the service.

Be alert and ready, so worship may proceed smoothly.

- ◆ Sit near the front of the church
- ◆ Come forward for the next part of worship as one part is ending.

If you are unable to serve on your agreed date, please trade dates with someone else on the schedule and notify the office of the change. A copy of the VISTA schedule is available on the Friends Church website. If that doesn't work, phone the church office at 693-7021 for assistance. However, messages left at the church over the weekend are often not checked until after Sunday services are over.

Thank you for sharing your time to make worship more meaningful.