

## St. Ninian's Church

### Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith

#### Reader of Lessons Ministry Description

Position Risk Assessment: Low

Term of Office: 1 year, renewable

Supervision and Support: Reports to: Lay Reader  
Staff Liaison (if different from above):  
Committee/Board responsible for this ministry: Worship Committee

Purpose: To give encouragement to both those who read and those who hear the scriptural readings

Population(s) served: The congregation

Skills & Qualifications:

- have a desire to share God's heart as expressed in scripture, and to convey the meaning with heartfelt expression
- some public speaking experience is an asset as you must be confident and have clear reading skills, however these can be learned by practice if the heart is earnest
- a love for fellow Christians is a must

Spiritual Gifts Recommended:

- service

Training Provided:

- on-the-job training

Meeting Date & Time:

- no scheduled meetings
- readers may be part of a schedule, or may be called upon just before the service

Time Commitment Involved:

- you need a few minutes to read over the appointed scripture so that God's message can be delivered with expression and passion

Description of Duties / Responsibilities:

- learn the sequence of the service in order to know when to come to the lectern
- introduce the scripture before reading it, and end with "This is the Word of the Lord"
- speak slowly and clearly into the microphone, or project if there is no microphone
- be open to the Spirit to convey the meaning
- be willing to be a transparent vehicle

Limits of the Position:

- limited to the reading of the day

. . . continued

Benefits & Opportunities:

- to share God's Word

*Office Instructions: Provide a copy of this description to the applicant. Place a copy in the applicant's file in a locked filing cabinet. Record the completion of this step on the applicant's Screening Checklist.*

Rev. November 27, 2003