

# Worship Leader Instructions

## Tips for Being an Effective Worship Leader at SUMC

- Arrive 15 minutes before worship to gather your thoughts and pray over your role in leading worship this day
- Talk with the lead pastor to coordinate your role with the layout of worship
- Introduce yourself by name when you first speak
  - Good morning! My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and we are so glad you are here to worship with us this morning!
  - Be sure to wear your nametag, too!
- Be upbeat, positive, and encouraging - a positive attitude goes a long way and is contagious! If you are happy to be in worship it will show!
- **Speak loudly** – this is really important. Even though your voice is amplified in our sound system you still need to project your voice.
  - Be loud and be heard! Speak loud and proud! This point cannot be overemphasized.
  - Consider wearing a lavalier microphone so you can stand at the altar for the Prayer of Dedication and still be heard. Otherwise, move to the lectern and pray there.
- Instruct worshippers to sign the fellowship pads
  - We now invite you to sign the fellowship pads, which are found on the left side of each pew in the rack.
  - Welcome visitors collectively – please don't point them out individually. Some of our guests wish to remain anonymous until they know us better.
- End the scripture with these words:
  - "This is the word of God"
  - The people will respond, "Thanks be to God"
- Movement:
  - Move into place **before** you speak. The flow of worship is very important and looks differently to the worshipper than it does to us leaders. We need to move into place well before we start speaking. In other words, as the previous element of worship is starting to end, you need to start moving into place. This keeps the flow of worship going.
  - It is okay to move into place even during prayers. We need to be worship **leaders** – leading the worshippers smoothly from one element of worship to the next. Worship is at its best when these transitions are seamless!
- At the end of worship be sure to stand at one of the doors in the sanctuary and greet worshippers as they exit. Note any visitors and be sure they got "mugged." Work with the ushers on this. Typically the preacher of the day will stand in the Narthex door unless there is After-Service Fellowship, when the preacher stands by the doors opening into the Fellowship Room.
- Thank you for serving and sharing your gifts with our church!