

Chalice Bearers/Lay Readers & Lectors

At St. Stephen's, Chalice Bearers/Lay Readers read the lessons, lead the Psalm, read the Prayers of the People and assist the clergy in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Because we do not assign acolytes for the Sunday 8:00 am service or the Wednesday 12:00 noon service, the Chalice Bearer is trained to serve as an acolyte at these services. Chalice Bearers are licensed by the Bishop of South Carolina. If you attend worship services regularly, have a love for liturgy, a teachable spirit, and a desire to work with a team, this ministry may be a good way for you to serve God. Or, you may be more interested in serving as a Lector.



A Lector does not have to be licensed. He or she is allowed to read at any time during the worship.

Since the beginning of congregational worship services, communities have chosen persons for the task of reading Scriptures and prayers in worship. Both Lay Readers and Lectors act as vehicles for God's Word when they effectively read Scripture during worship services.

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