

Public Reading of Scripture

Bible reading is an essential part of our worship service. The bible readings are determined by the Teaching Elder. Usually, two readings are allocated per service, one for biblical context followed by the sermon text. The Bible reader is responsible for the first reading only. The aim of the bible reading is to ensure God's word is communicated clearly and accurately each week.

Summary:

The Bible reading role consists of:

- 1 adult NGPC member (male or female) rostered per week
- Being rostered approximately once every 5 months (2-3 times per year)
- The bible passage you are required to read will be emailed to you a few days before the worship service by Darren or the service leader
- Please pray and practice the bible reading several times before the service, including clarifying any pronunciation issues.
- Please read from an ESV Bible and avoid using your phone or tablet and follow the four simple rules explained in the Bible Reading video on the church website (www.pressiechurch.org).

1. **PROMPT:** Make sure that before the kid's song is finished, you are at the pulpit.
2. **PRESENT PASSAGE:** Take 20 seconds to introduce the passage context and then say something like, "This is the Word of God" or "Let us hear God's Word read". This allows time for the congregation to find the passage in their Bible.
3. **PACE & PUNCTUATION:** Slow down and follow the punctuation pausing at commas and stopping at full stops.
4. **PERSONALITY of PASSAGE:** Without being dramatic, try to infuse the tone of the passage in the reading. Practice will assist with this.

Please note:

- If you are unable to take your roster turn, please contact another roster volunteer and arrange for a swap