

Worship Leader Guidelines Faith Mennonite Church

1. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your task of leading the congregation in worship.
2. Review what you know.
 - check the theme and scripture passages for the day
 - speaker
 - musicians in place already eg. Worship band or choir or?
 - song leaders
 - pianists
 - children story tellers

If you don't know who's doing what then check with the church office or Ruth Boehm

3. Talk with the speaker about which texts they are using, and what special emphasis they have and what songs they may suggest.
4. Draft an order of worship.
5. Contact the song leader and choose appropriate hymns.
6. Submit order of worship to the Church Office by Thursday at noon.
7. Contact each person involved in the worship service just to touch base.
8. Prepare the prayers –opening prayer, offering prayer, prayer of confession, prayer of the church, benediction
 - (Note: prayer of the church general format – praise, prayer for those in the world and our community, prayer for FMC and mission emphasis. Prepare a prayer into which you can insert specific concerns.)
 - Resources available in the hymnal, and in worship resources 'brief case'.
9. Practice the scripture reading or delegate the scripture reading to someone else.
10. Come early on Sunday morning. Meet in the pastor's office for a brief time of checking for announcements, dealing with changes, and praying.
11. Trust that God will use you to lead the people to worship God and that you will be given wisdom to deal with the unexpected things which happen.
12. RELAX.