

## Service Opportunities

1. Ushers—Primary responsibility is to greet those attending the service and handout service programs, provide directions to restrooms and nursery and answer general questions. During the service usher take up the collection and count the numbers of those attending. Additionally, ushers are observant of the safety of our attendees and work with our security guard and check on our nursery and tour the building to be sure there are no surprise visitors. Ushers are scheduled at the 9:00 and 11:15 service and at Holy Days. You may choose the service at which you wish to serve. Generally, ushers serve one to two times a month and need to be in place 15 minutes before the service and 15 minutes after to collect items left in pews. There is training available. If interested in this service opportunity contact Fr. Moseley, Tom Ward or Michael Pavlovsky.
  2. Readers—Lay Readers are scheduled at 9:00 and 11:15 and for Holy Days and special occasions such as Lessons and Carols. You may choose the service which you normally attend. Readers read the first lesson and the Psalm when there is no choir and read the second lesson. A separate reader is scheduled and lead the Prayers of The People. Training is required to ensure proper volume, pacing and emphasis. This is an important ministry as sermons typically draw from the lessons. You can generally expect to read one a month. If interested in this ministry contact Fr. Moseley or Tom Ward.
  3. Chalice Bearers—Serving within the sanctuary at our Lord's altar is a calling and should be discerned in consultation with Fr. Moseley. Chalice Bearers set the table for communion and administer the chalice at all communion services. You may choose the service you normally attend. You may expect to serve at least once a month. Significant training is required.
  4. Choir—Our full choir with both paid singers and lay singers serves from September to May. Our paid choir members do the heavy lifting. It is not necessary to read music, only that you love to sing. Choirs serve at 9:00 and 11:15 and you may choose the service you wish. The full choir performs on Holy Days, Evensongs, Lesson and Carols for example. The choir practices for 1 hour on Thursday nights and 30 minutes before the services. If interested in this ministry contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346
  5. Bell Choir—We have some openings in the Bell Choir for players who have had some reading experience. The actual ringing of the bells is simple and easily mastered. Each player is assigned two notes only, consequently the note reading is easy. It's the rhythm of knowing when to play that is most challenging but it transfers easily from other music experiences. The Bell Choir plays sporadically during the year. It is open to youth and adults and practices on Thursday 6:00-7:00. Contact Alan Potts 817-675-0346.
  6. Acolytes—Open to boys and girls generally age 10-16. Duties include carrying torches and cross, lighting and extinguishing candles and assisting Chalice Bearers in setting the communion table. Training is required. You may anticipate serving once a month on average. If interested contact Fr. Moseley.
  7. Altar Guild - A lay ministry to serve God in His house by preparing the Sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestments, and serving the clergy and the parish. These duties are performed for all regularly scheduled weekly services, as well as special services, including Christmas, Easter, weddings, funerals, baptisms and confirmations. The Guild at St. John's works in teams that alternate a weekly schedule. If interested in this ministry please contact Trish Williamson, Altar Guild Directress, via e-mail at waybossy@att.net or by phone at 817-371-9523.
  8. Outreach - St. John's participates in outreach through local organizations, including (i) Fort Worth Pregnancy Center, (ii) Union Gospel Mission, (iii) Safe Haven of Tarrant County, (iii) Local School Supply Drive (Daggett Elementary), (iv) Anglican Relief and Development Fund, and La Gran Familia. Time commitments for each of these depend on how frequently we receive needs from local organizations. Monetary donations or supplies are collected every month for one of these
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organizations, in addition to service that may become available. Outreach does not require much time; just a heart willing to serve others! We would love to have you join our “team.” If you have any questions, please e-mail or call: Marty Smith [95masmith@gmail.com](mailto:95masmith@gmail.com) or Kendall Smith [kcsmith74@gmail.com](mailto:kcsmith74@gmail.com) (m) 817-875-4224.

9. Nursery Backup – St Johns nursery operates from 8:30am to 12:30pm every Sunday and is occasionally opened for special events. We are seeking volunteers to serve as back up for the two paid nursery staff. Responsibilities are to provide age-appropriate care, including feeding and diaper changing, to the infants and toddlers in attendance. Volunteers must be female, pass a background check, and enroll in Ministry Safe Training. If you have interest in volunteering please e-mail Kristy Leaseburg at [kleaseburg@fwepiscopal.org](mailto:kleaseburg@fwepiscopal.org).
10. Parish Life – (Shrove Tuesday Meal/ February) We are seeking someone to coordinate this event which would include overseeing the set-up of Gregory Hall, supervising food preparation and service, and overseeing clean-up. We also need someone to serve as head chef and help the coordinator direct additional adults in preparing and serving food. Additional volunteers welcome to help in food prep and clean up. (Chili Cook Off / November) We are seeking someone to coordinate this event which would include overseeing the set-up of Gregory Hall, providing materials for voting and tabulate the votes, and overseeing the clean-up. (Mercy Ministries Coordinator) We would like to solicit a volunteer who would be willing to organize meals for funerals and meal trains for those recuperating from medical procedures, etc. Most of the work would be done electronically by sending out emails and setting up meal train sign-ups online. If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions or have additional questions, please contact Jason Merritt at [jmerritt@covenantfw.org](mailto:jmerritt@covenantfw.org).
11. Hospitality/Coffee Hour Duty - Absolutely the most fun of all ministries at St. John's! Each Sunday a team is scheduled to serve coffee/juice and a variety of treats in the parish hall between the 9 a.m. and 11:15 services. This is a time for parish members to greet and socialize with one another. Also, it's a time to welcome visitors to the parish and make them feel at home. The more teams that commit, the better--so that providing the refreshments is neither a financial nor a time commitment burden to anyone. Coffee hour runs from about 10:05 to 11:00 a.m.. There are plenty of serving pieces, trays, paper goods, etc., in the kitchen. 9:00 members can arrive at 8:30 or so, set up, and head back to the kitchen after Communion to finish up. If you attend the 11:15 service, arrive about 9:15 to prepare in order to accommodate the post-service rush. We have a detailed instruction/information sheet to share with you, outlining everything you need to know to make this important ministry a success. So team up with someone – or go it alone – and we'll get you in the kitchen to become a coffee hour/hospitality expert!
12. Lay Ministry - A new opportunity within St. John's is that of becoming involved in a lay ministry – visiting members who have been hospitalized, are in re-hab facilities or other care facilities, homebound and unable to attend services, or need prayer and assistance for whatever reasons. Our clergy make their pastoral visits as time permits, but can be stretched thin with their other duties throughout the week. So members of St. John's can make a huge difference by filling in where needed and enriching the lives of our fellow parishioners in many ways. This is also a good place to mention Meals on Wheels (of Tarrant County), an invaluable volunteer organization whose volunteers deliver nourishing meals to the homebound throughout Tarrant County. Often, the daily delivery of these meals is the only human contact these souls experience that day. Especially if you're retired, this is a great way to spend about an hour and a half one day a week, serving those in need. Further information is available if interested.