

Lay Ministries at St. Mary's in the Mountains

Preaching:

Preaching is the interpretation and proclamation of the Word of God. The sermon is not an abstract statement of belief, nor is it a personalized commentary on Scripture. Rather, the sermons seek to engage the faith and understanding both of the preacher and the listeners.

The preachers are persons of regular prayer and spiritual reading, who prepare and deliver sermons which help to interpret Scripture and demonstrate an awareness of contemporary issues.

Worship Leader:

The Worship Leader is a lay person who leads worship under the direction of the clergy. The Worship Leader facilitates an orderly and reverent liturgy by encouraging cooperation among all participants, mindful to find substitutes when necessary for other roles in worship leadership, namely Readers, Prayers of the People Leaders and Chalice Bearers.

Eucharist Visitor:

A Eucharistic Visitor is a person who takes Holy Communion to those who cannot come to church but desires to receive the sacrament. Since the individual cannot come to church, the church goes to the person, and in that way all are strengthened as the Body of Christ.

Healing Ministry

Person or persons who are called to listen, pray, and anoint someone who is burdened. They communicate the mystery of God's love in all situations.

Pastoral Care:

There are many facets of pastoral care at SMM providing food, transportation, prayers and cards to members of our community in need. Everyone is involved with pastoral care at some level, however, there are some people with more extensive training who can be called on to determine a course of action and or make determinations in cases which are more complex.

Lay Reader:

Is a representative from the congregation to read the Holy Scripture for the day. Familiarity with the Lectionary Page and the readings prior to the service are needed. The Prayer Leader may be the same as the lay leader or a person who reads the prayers only.