



Volunteer at Fairlawn with **SOUND AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS**

Would you like power in your hands? Would you like the “inside track” on how the church service is planned and carried out? Come and learn how to operate the sound system!

Who we are

At present there is a small Sound Team who share the responsibility of providing clear, audible sound for the services and a growing Tech Team who operate the new video system. Both teams need to grow to provide this critical support to our worship services and equitably share the work. We anticipate that eventually we can cross-train members of both teams.

What we do

Because both sound and video require attention at the same points in the service, two technicians are required.

The sound tech arrives early (10 am), turns on the mixer board, places the microphones at the appropriate stations, turns on the amplifier and wireless receivers (hidden in a back room), tests each microphone, checks with the minister about the service, helps him/her put on the wireless microphone, and then, during the service, controls each microphone and the sound level as well as records the whole service on cassette tapes. The sermon is also recorded to a lap-top computer for the podcast on the website. Does it sound complicated? Does the mixer board look overwhelming? Come to a training session and learn that really it is not at all!

The video tech also arrives early (10 am), turns on the video system and video graphics PC, familiarizes himself/herself with the images to be used, confers with minister regarding the sermon images, powers up the video displays, and activates the main screen a few minutes before the service. During the service he/she advances through the images at the appropriate time to bring up the words for hymns, responsive prayers, and liturgies as well as other imagery. Sometimes a DVD may also be used. As the service ends the displays are powered down, the screen lowered and the system shut down. Although the technology is impressive, our early learners have mastered it quickly, usually after a short orientation.

Some members of the Tech Team may also wish to engage with the look of the imagery. There are opportunities for those so inclined to engage and experiment with the design, layout and standards of the slides, with using new liturgical images, and with the image transitions.

What we need

A Team of about 10 people to cover sound and video with 2 scheduled each Sunday. A Team Coordinator is also required for each to look after scheduling.

Time commitment

Be there for the church service and come early at 10:00 am to set up.

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