

## **Ushers' Role**

Some churches think that ushers are just bucket passers, so they grab anybody to pass the bucket. "Let's just ol' Larry when he comes walking in. Let's just get anybody." You don't want to get just *anybody*, because you don't want an *anybody* offering. You have been selected as usher; you are in the ministry of helps, employed by Almighty God.\*

Ushers provide outstanding hospitality to all who enter the church doors doing services and events and they facilitate worshipers' full participation in services. They seek to create a comfortable environment that helps worshipers feel a sense of belonging and a desire to establish or deepen a relationship with the Holy and with the church community.\*\*

Usher should be able to:

1. exercise sound judgment within general public guidelines
2. communicate and interact effectively with a diverse public
3. exert a high degree of tact, diplomacy, and sensitivity (including cultural sensitivity)
4. be a team player
5. adapt to ongoing changes
6. prioritize in a fast-paced environment
7. problem solve under pressure
8. stand and walk for an extended period of time
9. move quickly in emergency situations
10. feel comfortable with crowds

We are in need of more ushers. If the above sounds like something you can handle we need you!

If you need more information or are interested in the next ushers's training, please contact the church office (410-257-6306), Nate Pope or Greg White, head usher.

*\*Ushering 101, Easy Steps To Ushering in The Local Church, by Buddy Bell*

*\*\* Usher Handbook, Washington National Cathedral*