

INCLUSION IN WORSHIP

A Ministry to Welcome Worshippers of All Abilities as Active Participants

ACCESSIBILITY

Some good ideas used by congregations to welcome individuals with disabilities and their families in the area of accessibility:

- **It is possible to get from a parked car to worship services without going up or down a step.**
- **A bathroom with wheelchair-accessible facilities is available on the worship floor.**
- **A button can open at least one heavy entrance door.**
- **Marked, accessible parking spaces for cars and vans are close to accessible entrances.**
- **Front pew kneeler has been removed for persons using wheelchairs, canes, crutches, or walking frame and their families.**
- **Sanctuary area is accessible. Podium and/or microphone are adjustable for person's height or a lapel microphone is available.**
- **Architecture committee consults with persons who use wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or canes in every phase of evaluation and planning for modification or addition to all church buildings.**
- **Sidewalks have curb cuts and entrances have ramps.**
- **A whole fundraising strategy is created to raise money for long-term architectural modifications. Fundraising can include bake sales, car washes and memorial contributions.**
- **Choir area allows persons using wheelchairs to participate.**
- **Doors are 36 inches wide and are level with the doorsill of each entrance.**