

Greeters

Hospitality, one of ATN's core practices, includes welcoming people as they arrive for worship. The focus of this position is to greet congregants and visitors and make them feel welcome.

Greeting is the work of a team of ideally 2-4 individuals.

Volunteer Guidelines:

- Arrive at ATN no later than 9:30 am.
- Gather at the top of the stairs by our main entrance. If the weather is inclement, gather just inside the main entry door.
- One greeter should also be at the back entrance door.
- Greet and welcome all as they arrive.
- Be especially attentive to visitors.
 - If appropriate and possible, connect visitors with Justin and/or someone else they might easily relate to.
 - If visitors include children or youth, show, rather than tell them, about our children's and student ministries and locations.
 - Sample script for children: "We have two spaces for our ATNKids - preschool and elementary. (Ask ages and find out which space the kids will be attending.) Our preschool space is right outside the front door in the teacher's lounge and we welcome kids up to age 2.5 and to stay with our teachers, but also invite parents to be in the room with their younger children if necessary as well. The elementary space is across the courtyard and kinder through sixth-graders are welcome for the lesson and activities there. All of our children begin the morning in the main worship space with their families and we will bless and invite them to go to their classrooms after about 10-15 minutes."
 - Sample script for students: "We invite our middle and high school students to participate in service. They are welcome to worship with the congregation or help our ATNKids ministry team facilitate activities for k-5th (6th) graders. Our students also help lead some of our sustainability efforts and meet after service to work on projects."
 - Invite them to enjoy refreshments. Point them to the Hospitality table.
 - Let them know that if they have any questions or want more information about anything, they can stop by the connections table at the end of the service.
- Wait until a few minutes after worship commences or until it is clear no more people are arriving before going to your seat to worship.

Important: Gracefully avoid situations that could result in someone not being greeted (for example, getting too involved in a conversation with anyone).