

*In Baptism, each Christian shares in Christ's dying and rising and receives the promise of eternal and abundant life in Him. We understand the Christian funeral to be the completion of Baptism. In the face of death, we affirm with tears and joy the good news of the gospel and the hope of resurrection. We do not grieve in isolation, but are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit and the community of faith. (The Book of Order W-4.0701)*

The members, ministers, and staff of First Presbyterian Church seek to provide loving care for those who grieve and faithful witness to God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

### **General Guidelines**

Please make arrangements for a funeral through the pastors. The pastors are in charge of and direct all services held at First Presbyterian Church. If a family wishes to invite others to assist in the service, they should inform the pastors, who will, in turn, extend an invitation to the guest(s).

All music is under the direction of the Director of Music in conversation with the pastors and musicians. The family may work with the pastors and the Director of Music in the selection of hymns.

Funerals in the Church Sanctuary are not to be scheduled during pre-arranged rehearsal times for musicians. All rehearsal times in the Sanctuary are noted on the master calendar and scheduled through the church office.

Photographs, pictures, or picture displays of the deceased are to be placed in the rear of the Sanctuary or in the Parlor, Hospitality Center, or Fellowship Hall if a reception is to be held in one or more of these locations.

The casket will be closed before the service begins. An American flag may be placed when appropriate.

If the funeral is held at the Church, the Church will provide a printed order of worship.

Funerals can be live-streamed from the Sanctuary if the family so desires and if audio-visual technicians are available to operate our streaming equipment.

### **Meditation/Memorial Garden**

First Presbyterian Church has a Memorial Garden intended for past and present members of the Church. If you desire to commit your loved one's ashes to the earth in our memorial garden, please read through the attached materials and then contact our office administrator who will answer any questions and provide you with necessary paperwork to complete.

## Guidelines for the Worship Service

### Suggested Order of Worship

Prelude/Music  
Call to Worship  
Prayer  
Hymn/Music  
Old Testament Reading(s)  
Special Music  
Words of Remembrance (Eulogy)  
Hymn  
New Testament Reading(s)  
Witness to the Resurrection (Sermon)  
Hymn  
Benediction  
Postlude

### Scripture Suggestions from the Old Testament

Psalm 23. *The Lord is my Shepherd... .*  
Psalm 103 *Bless the Lord, O my soul...*  
Psalm 121 *! lift up my eyes to the hills.. .*  
Ecclesiastes 3: 1-15 *For everything there is a season...*

### Scripture Suggestions from the New Testament

John 14: 1-6a, 7. *Do not let your hearts be troubled...*  
John 15: 1-5, 9-11, 16a. *I am the true vine...*  
1 Corinthians 15:51-57. *Listen, I will tell you a mystery!...*  
2 Corinthians 4:7....*But we have this treasure in clay jars...*  
Ephesians 1. *Spiritual Blessings in Christ*  
Philippians 4:4-9. *Rejoice in the Lord always...*  
Philippians 4:10-13 ....*I can do all things through him who strengthens me...*  
Revelation 21:1-5. *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth...*

### Hymn Suggestions (neither exclusive nor exhaustive)

Amazing Grace	Here I am, Lord
How Great Thou Art	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Rock of Ages	Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
For All the Saints	Lift High the Cross
Near to the Heart of God	

### Additional Songs and Readings

Ave Maria (Schubert)	The Lord's Prayer (arr. Albert Hay Malotte)
On Eagle's Wings	Prayer of St. Francis

## Reception Guidelines

We encourage families to arrange for receptions and memorial celebrations off-site. In the case of special circumstances, please note the fee structure below.

## Funeral and Reception Fees

Fellowship Hall	\$500
Hospitality Center	\$200
Parlor	\$250 (not air-conditioned)
Kitchen use	\$150 (when added to other room use)
Streaming	\$100
Custodial service	\$100 per hour
Clergy Honorarium	\$350
Organist Honorarium	\$300
Soloist Honorarium	\$200