# MEMORIAL SERVICES AT SILVER SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church extends our support in your time of sorrow.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

# Witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

#### **Introduction**

In the Presbyterian tradition a service of worship witnessing to Christ's resurrection marks the death of companions in faith and life. Though we are grieving, we are also called to give thanks to God for the life of the one who has died and for life everlasting promised in Jesus Christ.

The service is under the direction of the pastor; others may be invited to participate at the pastor's discretion. Services may be any day Monday through Saturday, depending on facility and pastoral availability.

Ordinarily, services witnessing to the resurrection of Christ are in the Meeting House; if not, then in some suitable place such as a home, a funeral home, a crematorium, or at grave side. The service may be before or after the committal. Fraternal, civic or military rites will be conducted separately.

#### Coffin/Urn

The focus of worship is praise of God. At services witnessing to the resurrection of Christ, the coffin will be closed if placed in the Meeting House. At a time of visitation, customarily at some time before the service, the coffin may be open. The visitation may be at a home, funeral home, or in our Chapel.

#### **Remembrances and Flowers**

Items of personal remembrance such as portraits and memorabilia can be displayed in the Gathering Place.

#### **Guest Registry**

The church will provide a lectern for a guest book outside the doors of the Meeting House. Either the family or the funeral home may provide the guest book.

#### **Flowers**

Flowers in the Meeting House will ordinarily be limited to the casket spray and four (4) other arrangements. These arrangements will be placed on the floor before the chancel railing and in sills of windows adjacent to the chancel. Flowers beyond that will be displayed in the Gathering Place. If flower arrangements are left at the church, church members will distribute them for enjoyment elsewhere, perhaps at hospitals or nursing homes; suggestions from the family are welcomed.

Neither remembrances nor flowers nor other objects may be placed on the communion table except those that are reminders of sacraments as provided by the Session.

#### <u>Ushers</u>

The family of the one who has died may request particular church members or friends to serve as ushers. Please call the church office with your request (717-766-0204).

#### **Fees and Payments**

- Minister's fee—\$300
- Associate Minister's fee—\$100
- Organist's fee—\$100
- Administrative fee—\$100
- For streaming and/or recording the service—\$50
   (This service is offered based on the availability of staff.)

Payment is due no later than the day of the service. Please bring individual checks with you on the day of the service and consult the Office Manager for direction in making out the checks.

#### Refreshments

If you wish to have a meal after the service, the family will be responsible for procuring the catering service. There will be a \$100 fee for funeral luncheon receptions held at SSPC.

## **Items of Consideration**

Please provide this information to the church office and a pastor will review this with you.

Name of Funeral Home (if any)									
Contact Name/Number									
remation or Coffin burial?									
urial location									
Graveside Interment Service desired?									
Visitation/Viewing: Date and Time:									
Location (normally in the Chapel)									
Special requests (i.e. Table for pictures)									
Memorial Service: Date and Time:									
Pews to be reserved (next page)									
Estimated # of Bulletins to print									
Picture/Photo for Bulletin Cover to be provided?									
Flowers to be provided?									

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#### Scripture passages:

- John 14:1-7a, 18-19,
   25-27
- Romans 8:18, 21-23, 31-35, 37-39
- Psalm 23
- Revelation 21:1-7
- Revelation 22:1-5
- Psalm 46
- Psalm 103
- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- Romans 6:3-5
- John 11:25-26
- I Thessalonians 4:13-18

### Hymn Ideas (from Glory to God - PCUSA Hymnal):

- A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (275)
- Abide with Me (836)
- Be Thou My Vision (450)
- Blest Be the Ties that Bind (306)
- Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine (839)
- Go Tell It on the Mountain (136)
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness (39)
- Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (65)
- I Danced in the Morning (157)
- I Greet Thee Who My Sure redeemer Art (624)
- Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (366)
- Our God Our Help in Ages Past (687)
- Precious Lord, Take My Hand (834)
- The King of Love, My Shepherd Is (802 or 801)



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