

Suggestions for a Service of Witness to the Resurrection

To those who will make decisions for my Christian funeral or memorial service: I have given prayerful thought to the service of worship following my death. The following express my preferences. I realize that circumstances may apply which will make it impossible to fulfill every suggestion. I offer these preferences as a gift to those who will gather for worship following my death:

My full name and date of birth:

My will and other important documents are located:

If the pastor of my church is not available, I would like _____
to be asked to preside at the service.

In addition to the presiding minister, I would like the following to be asked to assist the presiding minister: _____

I would like the following persons to serve as readers:

I would like the following Scripture passages to be read:

I would like the following hymns or psalms in *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal to be sung by the congregation: _____

I would like the service to take place:

- ☐ in my home church, which is: _____
- ☐ at a funeral home: _____
- ☐ I prefer that both the funeral and committal service take place at the graveside or burial site.

Regarding the service, I prefer:

- ☐ a **memorial service**, at which my body or ashes (cremains) are not present
- ☐ a **funeral service**, at which my body or ashes are present

Disposition of my body:

Providing that state law allows, I prefer that my body be:

- ☐ embalmed before earth burial or entombment
☐ burial in the ground ☐ entombment
☐ embalmed before cremation
☐ cremated directly after my death, without embalmment
☐ buried without embalmment ("green" burial)
☐ donated to medical research, for which I have made the following arrangements:

☐ donated to help others who might need my organs and/or tissues

Regarding my ashes after cremation, I prefer that my ashes be:

- ☐ buried in the ground ☐ committed to a columbarium
☐ scattered at this location: _____

I prefer that the service for committal of my body take place:

- ☐ before the memorial service ☐ after the memorial service or funeral

I have made arrangements with this funeral home:

I have purchased a plot/niche:

- ☐ no
☐ in a cemetery at this location: _____
☐ in a columbarium at this location: _____

[note: FPC Stillwater has a Columbarium in the Sanctuary. Please see www.stillwaterfpc.org, Care & Support, for details]

I would like memorial contributions to be made to:

Here is other information I would like my family and worship leaders to have:

-Adapted from The Companion to the Book of Common Worship (244-245) PC(USA).

Please keep a copy of this form for your records, give a copy to friends/family, and file a copy with the Church Office.