

FUNERALS

Guidelines for Funerals and Memorial Services

The Christian funeral or memorial service is understood as a service of worship. It is a witness to the resurrection and celebration of the life of the deceased.

The Trinity pastor, or the pastor's appointed representative, will plan the service in consultation with the deceased's family to provide a personalized and meaningful worship service. The pastor, or pastor's representative, shall have final say in all elements of the service, including music selections, to ensure denominational standards are followed.

The casket, if present during the service, shall be closed at all times. If the family desires that a viewing be made possible, it should be arranged for some other place and time.

Recognizing that funeral and memorial services fall outside the regular duties of many church staff, honorariums are requested for the following staff members along with suggested amounts:

Organist: \$125

Director of Music, if there is a choir: \$125

Soloist: \$50 per soloist

Streaming Services: \$100

While performing funerals and memorial services are part of the pastor's duties, the planning and the service itself require several hours' time in addition to the pastor's regular schedule. Therefore, an honorarium is considered appropriate for the pastor. Trinity suggests an amount of \$250.

Cremation is a viable alternative to earth burial in our tradition. The Columbarium at Trinity is for those associated with this congregation. A niche for 2 urns costs \$2500 (\$1250 for a single) and includes the urn and inscriptions on both the urn and niche covers.

Trinity Presbyterian Church extends sympathy and condolences to you during this difficult time.

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