

Mission Statement

First Presbyterian Church of Warren is a welcoming family of God following Christ's teaching and putting faith into action.

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PLANNING THE FUNERAL OF A LOVED ONE



A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

NOTIFICATION: Please contact the pastor and a funeral home of your choosing as soon as possible. The pastor and the church will notify the membership, and others as the family requests. If the family wishes, the pastor can help guide them through the decisions that need to be made at this time.

TYPE OF SERVICE: If the body or ashes of the deceased will be present for the service, then the service is a funeral. If the body or ashes will not be present, it is a memorial service. No matter which type, this is a service of Christian worship. Therefore, any ceremonies or rites of fraternal, civic, or military organizations should be held at another time and place.

MEETING WITH THE PASTOR: A mutually convenient time should be arranged so that the pastor may meet with the family member(s) involved in planning the funeral. At this meeting, the pastor will ask about the deceased, elicit memories and stories, and learn about the deceased's life, relationships, and faith journey.

COSTS:

The following fees are part of the church's funeral/memorial service arrangements:

For members:

Pastor: There is no fee for members. But if you wish, you may offer an honorarium for the pastor's service. The fee for non-members is \$200.00

Organist Honorarium: \$200

With a soloist, additional rehearsal fee:
\$50.00

Soloist

Church member: \$50.00

Janitorial Service

Service Only \$100.00

Fellowship Hall for

Luncheon/Reception \$100.00

Maximum 3 hours unless advance arrangements have been made.

Prior day visitation in the sanctuary

\$60 per hour; maximum \$300/5hours

The pastor will also discuss the choice of Scripture and music/hymns to be used in the service, as well as arrangements and costs for custodial services and the organist (church staff), a soloist if desired, preparing a bulletin, and whether there is to be a light meal, which can be provided by the Board of Deacons of the church.

LOCATION OF THE SERVICE: For reasons of faith, hope, and support, if the deceased was baptized, a believer, and/or active in the church, the funeral service should be held in the church when the congregation can be present.

If the deceased has no known connection to the church or if it is unclear whether he/she was a believer, then it may be appropriate to hold the service elsewhere. The church will coordinate with the funeral home regarding transportation and placement of the casket, flowers, etc. Please discuss any questions or concerns you have about arrangements with the pastor.

Please Note: *Occasionally there is a request for a funeral service for a non-member. It is generally not an issue if the deceased was related to a member.*

If this is not the case, then it is important to have a conversation with the pastor about when, where, and how to hold a fitting funeral.