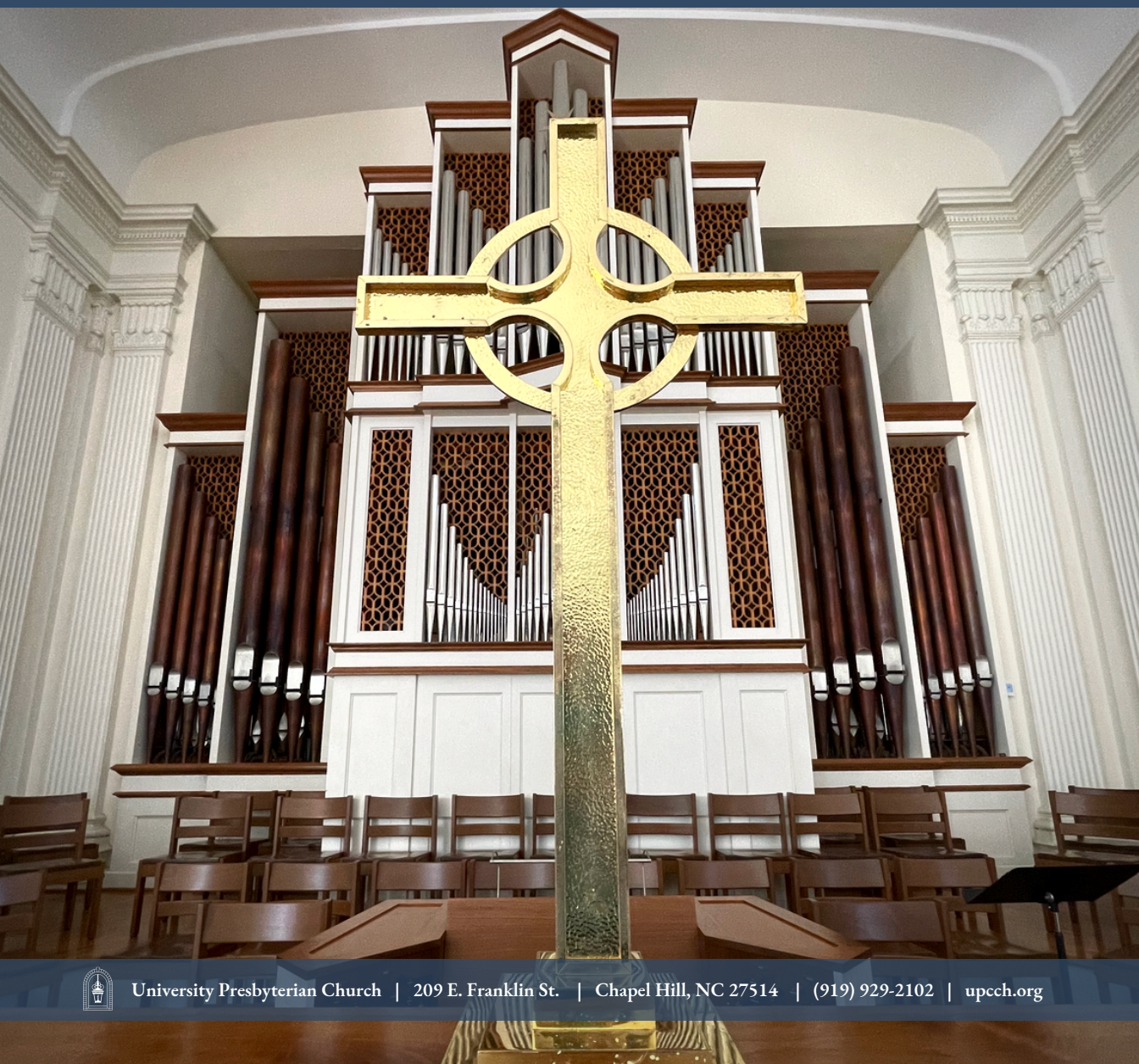


A Guide for Planning a Memorial Service



*In life and in death, we belong to God. This is the promise of our faith.
Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, not even death.
This is why we call the memorial service a Witness to the Resurrection. In it, we cling to the hope of new
life and unconquerable love, and in it, we celebrate the life and story of the specific and unique child of
God that we so deeply grieve. We never love in the abstract, always in the particular. God does too.*

Planning the Service

When a death occurs, your pastors want to be present and are here to guide you in planning a service. The 24-hour on-call number is 919-929-2102, extension 133. UPC will provide the pastor(s), music, bulletin, guest book, and hospitality (ushers and volunteers).

Music

Congregational song is central to the worship of God as the community gathers to celebrate a saint's life. Singing allows the community to "do something" in support of the grieving, it embodies our theology, connecting us to the promises of our faith, and it helps to unleash our grief, opening us to God's healing presence. Suggested hymns are listed on p. 4.

Other special music can be coordinated with our Director of Music; such musicians require an honorarium of \$200.

Livestreaming

We are able to livestream memorial services upon request, viewed at upcch.org/live. Afterward we will share a link to the recording with the family.

If the family chooses to livestream the service, the church will secure an individual to run the tech, and an \$100 honorarium is expected to be paid directly to that person.

Flowers

Family may provide flowers for the service. These will be also used for the reception to follow. Family may take the arrangement home following. Flowers for either the service and/or the reception are not required.

If the service is on a Saturday, and the family would like to have the family-provided flowers grace both the memorial and Sunday morning worship, please let the church office know so that we may make a note in the bulletin. Such flowers would then be delivered to homebound members by deacons following Sunday worship.

Reception

The UPC Deacons will gladly provide a reception following the service, typically in the Fellowship Hall. Punch, small sandwiches, and cookies are provided.

A memory table is often set up for pictures and memorabilia. A family provided laptop with a slide show can be connected to a TV in the reception space.

Interment

Burial, cremation, or donation of the body for medical purposes are all appropriate options within the Christian tradition. The body or cremains may be interred prior to or following the service.

Memorial Garden

UPC has a beautiful memorial garden where cremated remains of members (and their families) are interred at no charge. If your loved one does not have a reservation form on file with the church office, please fill out a request form (available in the office or on our website).

No urns or special containers are used. The committal service in the garden generally occurs with family-only a half an hour before the memorial service. Names of the saints are engraved on the granite panels twice a year.



Caskets

If a casket is brought to the church, it will be closed at all times during the memorial service. UPC has a pall for your use - a white piece of cloth (the color symbolizing Easter and Baptism). Funeral home staff will be responsible for assisting the pallbearers in placing and removing the casket.



Parking

For memorial services, the UPC parking lot is reserved for family members and for senior/ADA parking.

Hourly parking options within walking distance are:

- Morehead Planetarium (250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514)
- Wallace Parking Deck (150 E Rosemary St, Chapel Hill, NC 27514)



Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be directed to University Presbyterian Church or the UPC Endowment Fund. UPC will send acknowledgments to the family and to the donor of the gift.

This request is usually named in a printed obituary. The mailing address to include in the obituary is:

PO Box 509, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.



Honorariums

No honorariums are expected for UPC staff or volunteers. This is what the church is here for. If a family is moved by gratitude, or eager to give glory to God, gifts are gladly accepted if made out to University Presbyterian Church and will be used to continue our call to live out God's love that is unstoppable even by death.

Honorariums for optional services are:

- Additional musicians for special music - \$200 per musician
- Livestream tech - \$100, paid directly to the individual

Suggested Hymns

Two or three hymns would be most appropriate

PSALMS AND PSALM PARAPHRASES

Psalm 23

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (801)
The King of Love My Shepherd Is (802)
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (803)

Psalm 30

Come Sing to God, O Living Saints (805)

Psalm 46

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength (329)
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (275)

Psalm 84

How Lovely, Lord (402)

Psalm 90

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (687)

Psalm 100

All People That on Earth Do Dwell (385)

Psalm 103

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer (439)

Psalm 121

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes (45)

Psalm 145

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure (42)

Psalm 146

I'll Praise My Maker (806)

APPROPRIATE FOR BEGINNING OR ENDING OF WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! (1)
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (232)
God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us (436)
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (12)
God of Our Life (686)
Great Is Thy Faithfulness (39)
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (816)
Give to the Winds Thy Fears (815)
Fairest Lord Jesus (630)
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me (703)
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (366)
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (611)
For the Beauty of the Earth (14)
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty (35)
For All the Saints (326)
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art (624)
Abide With Me (836)
Day Is Done (676)
Amazing Grace (649)

APPROPRIATE DURING WORSHIP FOR REFLECTION OR LAMENT

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (834)
Why Has God Forsaken Me? (809)
Blest Be the Tie That Binds (306)
There Is a Balm in Gilead (792)
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go (833)
My Faith Looks up to Thee (829)
I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry (799)
Loving Spirit (293)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (223, 224)
What Wondrous Love is This (215)
By the Babylonian Rivers (72)

Suggested Scripture Readings

OLD TESTAMENT

Job 19:23-27	I know that my redeemer lives
Isaiah 25:6-9	God will swallow up death forever
Isaiah 26:1-4, 19	God will keep them in peace
Isaiah 40:1-11	Comfort my people
Isaiah 40:28-31	Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
Isaiah 43:1-3a, 18-19, 25	When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
Isaiah 44:6-8	I am the first and the last
Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-13	Ho, everyone who thirsts
Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me
Isaiah 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth
Lamentations 3:19-26, 31b-32	The Lord's steadfast love
Daniel 12:1-3	Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake
Joel 2:12-13, 23-24, 26-29	Return to the Lord with all your heart

PSALMS

Psalms 16:5-11	The Lord is my chosen portion
Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Psalms 27:1, 4-9a, 13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Psalms 39: 4-5, 12	Lord, let me know my end
Psalms 42:1-6a	As a deer longs for flowing streams
Psalms 43	Vindicate me, O God
Psalms 46:1-5, 10-11	A very present help in trouble
Psalms 90:1-10, 12	Teach us to number our days
Psalms 91	The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Psalms 103	Bless the Lord, O my soul
Psalms 106:1-5	O give thanks to the Lord
Psalms 116:1-9, 15	The Lord has heard my voice
Psalms 118	Open the gates of righteousness
Psalms 121	I lift up my eyes to the hills
Psalms 130	Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
Psalms 139:1-12	Where shall I go from your spirit?
Psalms 145	I will extol you, O God my King
Psalms 146	Hallelujah! praise the Lord, O my soul

EPISTLES

Romans 5:1-11	Hope does not disappoint
Romans 6:3-9	Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live with him
Romans 8:14-23, 31-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God

Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12
1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 12-20a
1 Corinthians 15:20-24a
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38,
42-44, 50, 53-58
1 Corinthians 15:35-44
1 Corinthians 15:50-57
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1
2 Corinthians 5:1-10
Ephesians 1:11-2:1, 4-10
Philippians 3:7-11
Philippians 3:20-21
Colossians 3:1-17
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Hebrews 2:14-18
Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-16; 12:1-2
1 Peter 1:3-9
1 Peter 3:18-22; 4:6
1 John 3:1-3
Revelation 7:2-3, 9-17
Revelation 14:1-3, 6-7, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25; 22:3-5
Revelation 22:1-5

GOSPELS

Matthew 5:1-12a
Matthew 11:25-30
Matthew 25:1-13
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 7:11-17
Luke 18:15-17
Luke 23:33, 39-43
John 3:16-21
John 5:24-29
John 6:37-40
John 6:47-58
John 11:17-27
John 11:38-44
John 14:1-6, 25-27

Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
Christ raised from the dead
In Christ shall all be made alive
Death swallowed in victory

The natural body and the spiritual body
We shall all be changed
Visible things are temporary, invisible things eternal
From God we have a house not made with hands
Saved by grace through faith
Knowing him and the power of his resurrection
Our citizenship is in heaven
Set your minds on the things that are above
The comfort of Christ's coming
If we died with him, we shall also live with him
Christ was tested in every way
Faith, the pilgrimage, cloud of witnesses
Without seeing Christ, you love him
Christ's ministry to the spirits in prison
We are children of God
They who have come out of the great ordeal
Rest for the saints
A new heaven and a new earth
The Lord God will be their light

The Beatitudes
Hidden from the wise, revealed to infants
Wise and foolish bridesmaids
The Last Judgment
Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain
We enter the kingdom only as children
Today you will be with me in Paradise
God so loved the world
Whoever hears and believes has eternal life
Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away
Whoever believes in me has eternal life
I am the resurrection and the life
Lazarus raised from the dead
Let not your hearts be troubled

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