

In Witness to the

Resurrection



Funerals and Memorial Services
Pinnacle Presbyterian Church



SERVICES IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION AND IN MEMORY

The Presbyterian funeral or memorial service is a Service of Witness to the Resurrection and an integral part of Christian worship. It is a worship service of the congregation. We seek to honor our Creator and comfort those who mourn. We do this by celebrating the Resurrection and affirming the profound hope we have through the grace of our risen Lord. Joining with others, we give our pain, our memories, our hopes, and our gratitude to God.

The pastors and members of Pinnacle extend their condolences to you if you are reading this brochure at a time of loss. We pray God's peace for you and want to be in ministry to you as we are able.

In this brochure you will find descriptions for planning a memorial service or funeral at Pinnacle. Please take any questions to one of our pastors.

STYLE OF A SERVICE

At Pinnacle, we will use the term “*Celebration of the Resurrection*” in reference to either a funeral, a memorial worship service or what is sometimes called a celebration of life.

The term ‘funeral’ normally refers to a service at which a casket is present and followed by a graveside service to commit a body to the ground. A funeral is often more formal in order and tone and takes place within five days or so of a death.

The term ‘memorial service’ is often used in reference to a service at which there are either cremains or no physical remainder of the deceased present. It may be further separated in time from a death, though we recommend that it be kept as close to the death in time as possible. As a celebration of the Resurrection, it includes scripture, a pastor’s message, and music or readings that are appropriate to the occasion. A memorial service may be less formal in tone. It may include prepared reflections from invited family or friends about the life of the deceased.

FORMAT AND DIRECTION OF THE SERVICE

Responsibility for planning and conducting the service resides with the pastoral staff, one of whom will meet with the family of one who has passed to offer prayer, support, and planning guidelines for the service. They may work with a family to personalize a service. The service may be held in either our chapel (comfortably seating 150) or our larger sanctuary (seating up to 750), depending on scheduling, need, or appropriateness. Others may be invited to assist in the service in consultation with the officiating pastor. In all cases, the officiating pastor will have final decision on all aspects of the service.

SCHEDULING

We will seek to schedule services in timely ways that meet family and community needs. While a funeral will be planned within a week of a death, as noted earlier a memorial service may be planned a bit later. Normally, we will work to avoid Sundays and church holidays. Your pastor will work with you to set a date and

time. As a funeral or memorial is a worship service of God's people, the date and time planned will be publicized to the Pinnacle congregation. You may also publish it in obituaries or through other forms of communication.

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Interment of ashes in the Pinnacle Memorial Garden or elsewhere may take place immediately after, before, or at a time separate from the service in consultation with the pastor.

MUSIC

All music performed or sung during the service should be consistent with God's victory over death and our hope in Christ. The pastor, our Director of Music, or someone the Director assigns will assist in selecting and arranging for music. Pinnacle employs professional soloists who can be available. Outside musicians will require approval of the officiating musician, who will also orient them to Pinnacle Church.

REFLECTIONS AT THE SERVICE

Brief, prepared reflections about the deceased may be offered by family and friends during a service as arranged with the pastor.

FLOWERS

Flowers beautify the service and remind us of our hope in Christ. Their quantity should enhance our worship. The pastor may suggest that some flowers be placed in the narthex or reserved for a reception following the service if quantities become too great. At a family's discretion, one appropriate arrangement may be left to beautify other worship services that week. All other flowers should be removed by the family following the service or onsite reception.

PHOTOS, VIDEO, AND POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS

As this is a service of worship, the focus of our attention is on God's presence both during and beyond our lives. A portrait of the deceased or video display may be welcomed in the narthex (lobby area) prior to the service. Video or slide presentations may also be



shown during the reception following the service. Memorabilia, photos, or videos of your loved one are also appropriate at a reception following the service. Exceptions to this guideline may only be made in consultation with the pastor.

FRATERNAL, CIVIC AND MILITARY CONSIDERATIONS

Pinnacle affirms fraternal, civic, or military services outside of the funeral or memorial service itself, either before or after, or in conjunction with a committal of remains. We follow Presbyterian guidelines in this regard, which state:

The service may be observed before or after the committal of the body [or ashes]. The service may include other actions common to the community of faith and its cultures when these actions do not detract from or diminish the Christian understanding of death and resurrection. The service shall be complete in itself, and any fraternal, civic, or military rites should be conducted separately. (Directory for Worship 4.10005)

WORSHIP BULLETIN

If a worship bulletin is desired, members of the church staff will assist in producing one that includes the order of service, participants, family information, suggestions for memorial gifts (if requested), and a brief biographical note about the deceased if desired. A photo of the deceased may be provided for inclusion on the inside cover of the bulletin. If the family desires a more elaborate bulletin, they are welcome to have one produced at their own expense and in consultation with the pastor.

RECEPTIONS

Volunteers from our Board of Deacons can assist in arranging a reception at the church following the service. Coffee, tea, punch, cake and/or cookies will be provided in a designated location. If the family desires additional food, they may have it catered at their expense and arrangement coordinated with our deacons. As

noted earlier, the reception is an appropriate location to provide a collection of photos, appropriate memorabilia, or slideshow presentations about the deceased provided that arrangements have been made ahead of time.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY

The Pinnacle campus is an alcohol and tobacco-free facility.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Many have found the Memorial Garden at Pinnacle to be a suitable and comforting place for either cremains or memory plaques.

A separate brochure about the Garden is available in the church office. Staff can also provide an orientation. You are invited to consider the Garden as a place to honor your loved one.

FEES AND HONORARIA

Members of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church may receive the ministry of the church, including pastoral services and space for a service, without specific charges. However, if you have the means to provide honoraria, we ask you to consider honoraria as indicated here.

For persons who do not regularly contribute to the ministry of the church, we do ask fees as suggested here. However, no Christian funeral should be denied on the basis of financial resources. If you are unable to provide honoraria to worship leaders or space use fees to the church, these may be either reduced or waived by the pastor. Conversely, if you are able to provide more than is suggested, we encourage you to do so in order to enable the church's ministry to those who cannot.

Honoraria and fees should be remitted directly to the persons providing the service individually, through the church office, or through arrangement with the funeral home attendants acting on behalf of the family.

	Church Members	Non-Member
Clergy	None required, suggested \$600	\$600 - \$900
Organist	\$275	\$300
Soloist	\$150	\$150
Sexton	\$150 **	\$150 Chapel/\$200 Sanctuary **
Use of Chapel	No fee*	\$300
Use of Sanctuary	No fee*	\$500
Deacons' gift (receptions)	Optional	\$125
Audio services (Sanctuary only)	\$150***	\$200***

Additional Musicians - Fees for additional musicians will vary.

* A memorial gift to the church in honor of your loved one and in support of ongoing ministry is welcomed.

** There will be an additional \$50 charge for sexton if a separate interment service is held.

*** If video services (either live stream or recording) are requested, there will be an additional \$100 charge.

We do not permit outside technicians to use our A/V equipment. We do not provide media services for funerals off campus nor do we provide post-production editing.

PINNACLE STAFF

Rev. Erik Khoobyarian, Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael Hegeman, Assisting Pastor for Adult Education & Senior Adult Ministries

Rev. Leah Quarles, Associate Pastor for Family Ministries and Congregational Life

Dr. Ilona Kubiacyk-Adler, Director of Ministries in Music & Arts

Lisa Boswell, Executive Assistant to the Pastor

SAMPLE SERVICE

This is a sample service order for a Memorial Service with no casket. This may be revised and adapted in consultation with the pastor. A list of possible hymns and scripture are on the following pages.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection, in memory of . . .

Prelude Music

Entrance of the Family

Sentences of Scripture

Welcome and Prayer

Hymn (selected)

A Reading (scripture, or poem)

Special Music (optional)

Memorial Reflections

Special Music (optional)

Scripture

Homily (the pastor)

Memorial Prayer

Hymn (selected)

Commendation and Blessing

Benediction

Sending Music

An interment may follow the service if a space has been reserved in our Memorial Garden or a procession to a nearby cemetery has been arranged.

SUGGESTED HYMNS

Opening Hymns of Praise

A Mighty Fortress is our God	No. 275
Come, Christians, Join to Sing	No. 267
Rejoice, the Lord is King	No. 363
Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!	No. 1

Hymns Focusing on the Resurrection

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!	No. 245
Lead on, O King Eternal!	No. 269
Lift High the Cross	No. 826
The Day of Resurrection!	No. 233

Hymns with Reference to Saints

For all the Saints	No. 326
How Firm a Foundation	No. 463
Shall We Gather at the River	No. 375

Hymns Focusing on the Presence and Comfort of God

Abide with Me	No. 836
My Faith Looks Up to Thee	No. 829
The King of Love My Shepherd Is	No. 802
The Lord's My Shepherd	No. 801

Presence and Comfort of God

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation	No. 394
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	No. 65
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	No. 366

SUGGESTED READINGS

Old Testament

Job 19:1, 23-27 I know that my Redeemer lives
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 A time for everything

The Psalms

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd
Psalm 27 The Lord is my Light and my Salvation
Psalm 42 My soul is thirsting for the living God
Psalm 90 Lord, you have been our refuge
Psalm 103 The Lord is kind and merciful
Psalm 121 I look to the hills...where is my help to come from?
Psalm 130 Out of the depths, I cry to you, Lord

New Testament

Romans 8:31b-39 Who can ever come between us and the love of Christ?
Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12 Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord
1 Corinthians 15:51-57 Death is swallowed up in victory
2 Corinthians 4:14- 5:1 What is seen is transitory; what is unseen is eternal
Revelation 7:9-17 God will wipe away every tear from our eyes
Revelation 21:1-5a, 6b-7 There will be no more death

Gospels

Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes - Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven
Matthew 11:25-30 Come to me and I will give you rest
John 11:17-27 I am the resurrection and the life
John 14:1-6, 27 There are many rooms in my Father's house. Jesus promises peace



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