

The Service

The memorial service is an act of Christian worship. Its purposes are:

- To glorify God as the Author and Finisher of life,
- To bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our hope of eternal life in Him,
- To comfort the grieving with the promises of Scripture, and
- To give thanks for the life and faith of the one who has died.

Our Presbyterian Book of Order requires that a member of the pastoral staff be responsible for planning and conducting the memorial service.

Scheduling

Memorials are generally scheduled on Thursdays, Fridays, and occasionally Saturdays. Services are not normally held Sundays through Wednesdays due to previously committed room use for church services and programs.

Disposition of the Body

Interment (burial), cremation, or donation for medical purposes are all appropriate. When a graveside service is desired, the practice most common among Presbyterians is for this to take place at the burial site before the service at the church. However, other practices may be followed if approved by the officiating pastor.

Format of the service

The pastoral staff will plan the service with you in accord with our church practices, and will strive to include favorite scripture and hymn choices.

Please consult with the officiating pastor prior to asking speakers to participate, as we are limited to two or three speakers. Others may wish to share memories at the reception, where photos and videos may be shared as well.

Music at the Service

- All music at the memorial service must be appropriate to Christian worship and consistent with the message of God's victory over death and our hope in Christ.
- A list of suggested music is available to assist you.
- Hymns sung by the congregation are always appropriate. Normally our church organist will play for all memorial services.
- Other instrumental music and/or special vocal music may be included if approved by the officiating pastor. Please limit musical selections to 2-3 hymns and/or songs. Our music staff.

Reception

Volunteer coordinators will assist in arranging a simple reception following the memorial service.

Coffee, tea, punch and cookies will be provided in order to allow you and your family to visit with friends after the service.

Additional Notes

- The family is asked to provide flowers for in front of the pulpit.
- We suggest you provide a guest book for family and friends to sign as they arrive for the service.
- The church office will provide a memorial program which will contain
 - a list of immediate family,
 - a memorial gift designation,
 - the order of service, and a cover photo

Fees

- There is no charge for the use of the church facilities or pastoral services for members of LGPC, though an honorarium is often given.
- A fee of \$250 will be charged for the organist/pianist.
- A fee of \$200 will be charged for the sound technician.
- The fee for a soloist is \$200.
- Please make your check payable to Lake Grove Presbyterian Church and give it to the Program Assistant, Erica Smith.



Memorial Services

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