

The Presbyterian Church
of
Deep Run



Funeral Guidelines



16 Irish Meeting House Road, Perkasie, PA 18944

A Funeral at Presbyterian Church of Deep Run

Our minister will meet with the family to plan the service and will make suggestions about music and scripture passages. Arrange for your funeral date by calling our church office (215-249-3689) before setting a date with a funeral home.

A. Funeral vs. Memorial Service

These are really the same, the sole difference being the presence or absence of the casket at the service. The church has no preference for one over the other. The funeral could take place in the Irish Meetinghouse that can hold about 100 people or the main sanctuary, which will hold 208.

B. The Casket

A casket cannot go into our Irish Meetinghouse. If the service is to be in the main sanctuary, the casket should be closed before the service begins. A flag may cover the casket or be displayed during the service for a military funeral.

C. Flowers

Make sure your florist knows in which church building (Irish Meetinghouse or Main Sanctuary) the service will be held. Please notify the church office if the flowers will be left for Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, the family may designate charities or the Church as beneficiaries of donations.

P. Names and Telephone Numbers

Minister: Kris Schondelmeyer
Church Office: 215-249-3689
Secretary: Besse Brindle
Organist: Betty Trapp
Worship Chairperson:

D. Viewings

Because our church cannot easily accommodate a viewing, we suggest a viewing be held at the funeral home. If a viewing in the church is desired, we suggest it be held in Hoopes Hall. However, this presents a logistical problem if a reception is to follow in Hoopes Hall.

E. Ushers

If there are specific people who will usher, notify the church office. If you do not choose ushers, the church will provide them.

F. Order of Service

The church provides a printed order of service using a Deep Run bulletin. If you do not wish to use our bulletin, church bookstores, such as Berean, carry a selection of bulletins for funerals. They can also be purchased online and some funeral directors have them available.

G. Music

If you desire a guest organist, please extend the courtesy of consulting with the PCDR organist as soon as possible. It will be necessary for your organist to consult with the PCDR organist.

Other instrumentalists such as trumpet, guitar, piano, violin, harp or flute may be included. No music used in the service may be amplified and excessive equipment is not permitted because of lack of space.

You may desire a soloist. You should arrange the fee privately with the soloists. Our organist can help if you are not sure what to offer.

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H. The Service

Our minister will meet with the family for prayer prior to the service.

Pews will be reserved for family members.

A funeral or memorial service is essentially a worship service, with special emphasis on our witness to the resurrection of the dead. The service consists of scripture and prayer, yet it is appropriate, if the family desires, to include the singing of hymns, an affirmation of faith, presentation of special music, sharing of memories by friends or family, or a brief homily by the pastor. It is not unusual for someone to leave specific requests for such items. The only requirement is they are consistent with a service of worship. The committal (burial) usually follows the church service, although in some cases this is done before the service.

I. Receiving Line

We suggest the receiving line be held in Hoopes Hall if a reception is held there. If a reception is held elsewhere, we suggest a receiving line be in the Narthex.

J. Receptions

Receptions may be held in our Fellowship Hall which can comfortably seat approximately 175. Our church may provide finger food and beverages. If a meal is desired, please arrange for outside catering. If a caterer is hired, the church office must be given their name, telephone number and time of delivery of food. The church administrative assistant will inform the person in charge of the kitchen regarding use of the facility.

K. Cremation vs. Burial

There is no church or denominational policy favoring one or the other.

L. Our Cemetery or Columbarium

Members and their immediate families may still purchase lots or niches. Contact the church office for further information.

M. Photographs/Videos/Recording

No photographs or videos are permitted during the funeral service. A recording of the service is permitted.

N. Alcoholic Beverages, Smoking and Illegal Drugs

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on Church premises. Smoking is not permitted in the Church buildings. No person who is intoxicated or high on drugs is allowed on church property.

O. Memorials

Memorial donations may be sent to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

The Financial Secretary provides the total of the donations to the Memorial Chairperson who in turn contacts the family of the deceased. Use of the memorial gifts is discussed. Gifts may be designated for a specific purpose. If no designation is desired, the gifts will be put into a memorial endowment fund for Sunday School, Hoopes Hall, the sanctuary and outdoor property.