

Music

Our music director usually provides music for the service. She will work with any soloist or visiting musician you may wish to have. The following list of hymns is a suggestion only. You may wish to ask for something not on this list.

For All the Saints

O God Our Help in Ages Past

How Great Thou Art

A Mighty Fortress

How Firm a Foundation

Amazing Grace

Abide with Me

Near to the Heart of God

Be Thou My Vision

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

What to Expect: Service and Committal in the Garden

On the day of the service, the pastor will meet with the family in the Dickinson Room about 10 minutes before the service.

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He'll lead them in a short prayer, and then escort them to the sanctuary (or chapel). The family will be seated in reserved seating area. After the service, if the ashes are to be interred in the Memorial Garden at North, the family will follow the pastor out through the south wing exit.

Funeral or memorial services will follow the guidelines of the Directory for the Worship of God of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In all cases, the ashes will be interred as provided for in the Directory of Worship if the family has made prior arrangements with the

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Guide to Funerals and Memorial Services



North Presbyterian Church, Williamsville

From the Pastor

Dear Friends,

We have prepared this pamphlet so that you have something tangible to refer to when planning your loved one's service.

We want you to be able to choose some elements of the service so that your loved one's service is meaningful to you and honors them.

Please read this guide carefully, talk over your wishes with your family, and plan to meet with me so we can discuss the service. When you are ready, call the church to set up a meeting with me.

Our prayers are with you as you grieve the loss of your loved one.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bill Hennessy

Pastor

The Service

Each service is similar yet unique. You are able to pick hymns (see Music for the Service in this brochure), who speaks, and scriptures. These readings may be done by the minister or by readers chosen by the family. Typically families choose one reading from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. Below are some recommendations to guide you:

Old Testament: Job 19:23-27; Ecclesiastes 3:1-15; Isaiah 40:1-11; Isaiah 40:28-31; Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 23; Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11; Psalm 90:1-10, 12; Psalm 103; Psalm 121; or Psalm 139:1-12.

New Testament: Romans 8:14-23, 31-39; Romans 14:7-9, 10b-12; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 50, 53-58; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 21:1-4, 22-25; 22:3-5; Matthew 18:1-5, 10; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 23:33, 39-43; John 11:17-27; and John 14:1-6, 25-27.

Sharing Memories

During the service there is an opportunity for a family member or friend to share a reflection (usually following the meditation) about the deceased. Generally not more than two people should speak. Each person should plan on speaking for five minutes or less about the life and legacy of the deceased.

Fees

There is no charge for use of our building for funeral or memorial services. We encourage families to remit the following fees through the funeral home or to make one check payable to North Presbyterian Church for the appropriate amount:

Building use fee: waived

Pastor's suggested honorarium—\$200

Administrative staffing—\$75

Organist—\$150

Soloist—\$75

Bulletins—\$25

Reception

As a service to the family, the church can provide a cookies/coffee/juice reception for those attending the service. The reception, which is held in our fellowship hall, is offered immediately following the service. There is no charge but donations may be made to the church. If the family wishes to provide lunch for guests, he/she may have lunch catered at their own cost. If you wish to have a reception, please contact the church at 716.632.1330.

Non-member suggested donation:

\$100 for cookies/coffee/juice reception