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The death of a loved one is a difficult experience to navigate. The Pink Church is committed to walking with you and your family through each step. This guide can assist you in making decisions as you consider the options and services we can provide.

THE SERVICE

The church calls the service for the deceased a “*Witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*”. Why? Because our primary focus, and central cause for hope is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While we certainly celebrate the earthly life of your loved one, we proclaim their triumph over death through the victory Christ Jesus now shares with them.

We are comforted by the words of Jesus and the apostle Paul:

Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. John 16:20

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope.

1st Thessalonians 4:13

The Christian service (“*Witness to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ*”) for your deceased loved one will lift their memory and life while exalting the risen Lord who welcomes them into life-eternal. The reality of God’s divine love in Christ produces joy and hope to combat the grief and loss you currently feel.

TYPES OF SERVICES:

- **Funeral** — Funeral service is the appropriate term when the casket or urn with the deceased's remains is present. If the casket is present, it remains closed during the worship service. This service is often held within several days of the death.
- **Memorial** — Memorial service is the appropriate term when the service takes place without the presence of casket. This service may take place days, weeks, or in some cases months after the death. The longer timeline may allow more opportunity for friends and family to receive notice and make arrangements to attend the service.
- **Committal** — A committal service is a short service at the graveside or columbarium, intended to minister to the needs of loved ones. It consists of brief scripture readings and prayers. Committals may be scheduled before or after a memorial service, or after the conclusion of a funeral.

CHOOSING THE LOCATION FOR THE SERVICE

Funerals and memorial services are usually held in the chapel or sanctuary of the Pink Church. This grounds the service in the context of the worshipping community to which the deceased has belonged. It recognizes the role that the community has had in supporting and nurturing the deceased in the life of faith, providing consolation in sorrow, and sharing joy at good news. Arrangements may also be made to hold the service at the funeral home, cemetery chapel, graveside, or other appropriate locations.

By purchasing a niche, your loved one's cremains may be interred in our Pink Church "Garden of Eternal Life" columbarium. Please contact the church office for information about niche pricing and availability.

THE ORDER OF THE SERVICE

The content of the funeral or memorial service is the responsibility of the officiating pastor. A basic outline for this service may include the following elements:

- *Prelude*
- *Welcome & Opening Sentences*
- *Prayer of Invocation*
- *Psalm 23*
- *Hymn, Praise Song, or Spiritual song*
- *Readings from Scripture*
- *Solo or musical offering*
- *Reflections—Eulogies by family members or friends*
(please limit to 1 or 2)
- *Readings from Scripture*
- *Homily*
- *Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer*
- *Hymn*
- *Benediction*
- *Postlude*

NON-MEMBER FEES

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| • Sanctuary (seats 600): | \$1,000.00 |
| • Chapel (seats 80): | \$600.00 |
| • AVL Technician: | included |
| • Custodian/Administration: | included |
| • Organist/pianist: | \$250.00 |
| • Clergy: | \$300.00 |

Checks should be made payable to “*First Presbyterian Church*”. Separate checks to individuals (organist/pianist and clergy) should be made to the name of **each** professional participating in the service.

PLANNING YOUR SERVICE DATE

As you speak with a funeral home about your loved one’s final arrangements, please consult with the church before determining service dates and times. Kindly consider the church’s calendar, and the calendar of the officiating pastor, **before** committing to a time and date with the funeral director.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the Pastoral Administrator, Cyle Morpeth at 954-941-2308 x106.

The staff and leadership of the Pink Church wish you deep sympathy and condolences upon the loss of your loved one. We pray for the comforter, the Holy Spirit, to fill you with the light, love, peace, and hope which come from the One who shares with us his victory over death. To God be the glory!



SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR COMFORT

- Psalm 34:18
- Revelation 21:4
- Romans 14:8
- Psalm 23:4
- Psalm 147:3
- Isaiah 25:8
- Romans 8:38-39

A SUGGESTED CHECKLIST

Immediate:

- Contact the church to ensure that the clergy are aware.
- Obtain signed death certificate and autopsy (if applicable)
- Within the first 24 hours, look for organ donation records; check for signed authorizations and arrange immediately
- Inventory safe deposit boxes and personal papers of the deceased. Look for burial insurance policies, prepaid mortuary or cremation society plans.
- Contact mortuary to make burial (or cremation) and funeral arrangements. Arrange for obituary notice.
- Contact friends and relatives. Allow others to help you in this time of need.
- Make arrangements for pets (if applicable).
- Cancel regular elder assistance services (if applicable). (i.e. Meals on Wheels)
- Obtain certified copies of the death certificate from the mortuary (consider purchasing between 10 and 15 copies).

Within 30 Days: (if applicable)

- Contact Social Security Administration to stop checks.
- Contact appropriate agency if receiving health care benefits through a government program.
- Contact Veterans Administration.
- Contact payers of pensions (such as former employers or annuities).
- Contact Department of Motor Vehicles.

What Documentation to Locate:

- Will, Trust, and Insurance policy
- Deeds of Real Estate

If Living Trust, Notify:

- Successor Trustee (Trust Manager) for distribution of assets.
- Insurance companies and arrange for any death benefits to be paid to beneficiaries.
- IRA and Pension companies for any death benefits to be paid to beneficiaries.

If NO Living Trust and ONLY a will, Notify:

- County Clerk and deposit the original will within 30 days.
- Executor to begin and probate the process with an attorney.

Within 60 Days:

- Notify all creditors and utility companies.
- Transfer title on jointly held assets.
- Inventory personal effects and arrange for disposition to family members, friends, or charities.

Within 6 Months, If Surviving Spouse:

- Review of finances and revise financial game plan.
- Update your Will or Trust.