

# Memorial Services

The resurrection is a central doctrine of Christian faith and shapes Christians' attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow, and grief to all. In the face of death Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the gospel.

Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith.

The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.

For questions  
regarding memorial services,  
or to obtain a memorial planning  
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Our pastors would be more than happy to sit with you and help you walk through this difficult time and provide you with additional resources that you might find helpful.

Please call the church office to make an appointment.

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## 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 or Fridays and are normally not held Saturdays through Tuesdays 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.

## 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 the Communion Table.
- 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 (if desired).

## Fees

- There is no charge for the use of the church facilities or pastoral services for members of LGPC.
- The fee for an organist/pianist is \$200. The fee for a soloist is \$150-\$200.
- A fee of \$75- \$100 will be charged for the sound technician.
- Please make your check payable to *Lake Grove Presbyterian Church*, and give it to the Pastoral Administrative Assistant.