

GRIEF

The emotional response to loss is grief—a natural reaction and process that involves several stages. At the time of the memorial service most people are still in the beginning stages of shock and numbness as they cope with the death of a significant person. Other stages include denial, anger, guilt, pain, and readjustment. The pastors and deacons of Pullman Presbyterian Church gladly offer prayer and assistance to people as they cope with death and loss.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

People often want to express their support for those who have experienced the loss of someone special to them in a tangible way. Over the years, memorial gifts for members and friends of the congregation have supported many aspects of the ministry of Pullman Presbyterian Church. If you would like memorial gifts to be designated to the church, please indicate this in the obituary notice and in the memorial service bulletin. Gifts received will be acknowledged to both the donor and the family of the deceased.

FEES

Member/Attender Non-member

Sanctuary.....\$0.....\$100

Sanctuary &
Fellowship Hall.....\$0.....\$150

Custodian.....\$0.....\$50

Organist.....\$100.....\$100

Sound Technician...\$50.....\$50

Pastor.....honorarium.....\$125

*Any additional musicians should be consulted about their fees and paid directly

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Pastoral care and use of the sanctuary shall be made available to all, depending on the availability of the pastors and the church facility, regardless of church affiliation or lack thereof. However, all services will be Christian in nature and are under the discretion of the pastor.



FUNERALS & MEMORIALS

PULLMAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PULLMAN, WA

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” –Psalm 46:1

INTRODUCTION

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

ARRANGEMENTS

Because it is difficult under emotional stress to plan wisely, church members are encouraged to discuss and plan in advance the arrangements which will be necessary at the time of death. The church seeks to work in cooperation with the funeral home in making these arrangements and encourages members to consult with the funeral director.

Either of our pastors are available for consultation and support at the time of these arrangements. A family or individual may also meet with the pastor to establish preliminary plans for the funeral or memorial service. All plans should provide for arrangements which are simple, which bear witness to resurrection hope, and in which the Christian community is central.

Our Christian faith supports burial, cremation, or donation of the body of the deceased for medical purposes.



FORM AND ORDER OF SERVICE

The service begins with scriptural sentences. It is appropriate for worshipers to sing hymns, psalms, spirituals, or spiritual songs which affirm God's power over death, a belief in the resurrection to life everlasting, and the assurance of the communion of the saints. Scripture shall be read, a sermon may be proclaimed, and an affirmation of faith may be made by the people. Prayers of thanks and request will be offered.

You will be asked what passages of scripture you would like to have read at the service. Passages that many have found helpful include: Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:28-31; John 14:1-7, 25-31; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Corinthians 13; 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; and Revelation 21:1-4.

You will also be asked about what music you would like to have sung at the service. Common requests are *Amazing Grace*, *It Is Well With My Soul*, *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, *For All the Saints*, and *The Lord's Prayer*. Because this is a service of worship, all music must be Christian in nature and must be approved by the pastor.

Aspects of the life of the one who has died may be recalled, as appropriate. We encourage the family to ask no more than three or four people to share memories, and to prepare their remarks ahead of time so that the nature and content of their remarks are thoughtful and appropriate. Those sharing should limit their presentation to three or four minutes.

This service may be observed before or after the committal of the body. In order that attention in the service be directed to God, when a casket is present it ordinarily is closed.

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Christian funeral service (with remains present) or memorial service (without the remains present) is a service of worship. The service ordinarily should be held in the church sanctuary in order to join this service to the church's continuing life and witness to the resurrection. This service may be observed on any day.

The service shall be under the direction of the pastor. Others may be invited to participate as leaders in the service at the request of the family and at the discretion of the pastor. The pastor will ordinarily meet with the family of the deceased prior to the service to speak together of the life of the deceased, to discuss plans for the service, and to pray.

COMMITTAL

Members and friends of the family of the one who has died may gather at the graveside or crematorium for a service of farewell, which is to be conducted with simplicity, dignity, and brevity. The service includes readings from Scripture, prayers, words of committal, and a blessing, reflecting the reality of death, entrusting the one who has died to the care of God, and bearing witness to faith in the resurrection from the dead.

RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICES

The Fellowship Hall is available for a reception following the funeral, memorial service, or graveside committal. For members, the Deacons are happy to provide coffee, punch, and cookies for the reception, or a light meal if so desired. If a light meal reception is requested, a donation to help cover the cost of food is appreciated.

