

*Funerals at
Indian Hill Episcopal Presbyterian Church
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The death of a loved one is one of the most difficult experiences of living. Often, death is preceded by a period of illness, which brings its own anguish for everyone involved. At The Indian Hill Church, it is our intention to be as fully supportive to you and your family as possible. This booklet has been written to help answer questions about our policies and procedures.

DURING THE TERMINAL PHASE OF ILLNESS

If a minister has not already visited you, please call. The main number is 561-6805. If the office is closed, the home phone numbers of the clergy are on the after-hours message. We will be more than willing to come and visit, either in the hospital or at home. Our purpose is to be supportive and helpful in any way that we can. We may know of resources that will be useful. Please feel free to ask any questions that occur to you.

This may be the time to make plans for the time of death. It is the best time to find a funeral director. You may want to talk about the possibility of organ or tissue donation; the disposition of the body (burial or cremation) and what sort of funeral or memorial service you would like. The clergy can be helpful to you in discussing all those issues.

AT THE TIME OF DEATH

Please call the clergy first. If you have not already done so, you will need to find a funeral director. The clergy can be helpful in finding someone who is reliable. At this time you will need to make final decisions about organ and tissue donation, disposition of the body and funeral plans. The funeral planning is usually done the day after the death. It is very helpful if a clergy person can be present for that conversation to help answer questions about policies and procedures at the church and to make sure that the liturgy meets the family's needs. We can also meet with you after you have talked to the funeral director.

SOME SUGGESTED HYMNS

EH = Episcopal Hymnal, PH = Presbyterian Hymnal

Opening hymns and hymns of praise for life

Holy God, we Praise Thy Name (EH 366, PH, 460)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (EH 376, PH 464)

Now Thank We All our God (EH 397, PH 555)

The God of Abraham Praise (EH 401, PH 488)

All things Bright and Beautiful (EH 405, PH 267)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (EH 410)

For the Beauty of the Earth (EH 416, PH 473)

Hymns of thanks for those who have gone before us

For All the Saints (EH 287, PH 526)

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (EH 618, PH 451)

Hymns of hope and comfort

Be Thou My Vision (EH 488, PH 339)

Eternal Father, Strong to Save (EH 608, PH 562)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (EH 645,646, PH 171)

Abide With Me (EH 662, PH 543)

O God Our Help in Ages Past (EH 680, PH 210)

SCRIPTURES TO CONSIDER

(The church uses the New Revised Standard version)

Old Testament Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death forever)
Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)
Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)
Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 (the souls of the righteous are in the hands of God)
Job 19: 21-27a (I know that my redeemer lives)

Psalms

23, 27, 42:1-7, 46, 90:1-12, 106:1-5, 116, 121, 130,
139:1-11

New Testament Readings

Romans 8: 14-19, 34-35, 37-39 (The glory that shall be revealed)
I Corinthians 15: 2-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58 (The imperishable body)
II Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)
I John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)
Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)
Revelation 21:2-7 (Behold, I make all things new)

Gospel Readings

(If you are having Eucharist with your service, a Gospel reading is required)

John 5:24-27 (Those who believe have everlasting life)
John 6: 37-40 (All that the Father gives to me will come to me)
John 10:11-16 (I am the good shepherd)
John 11:21-27 (I am Resurrection and I am Life)
John 14:1-6a (In my Father's house are many rooms)

VISITING HOURS

Visiting hours are an optional choice. It may make sense to have them if there are numbers of people who will not be able to attend the funeral. It is also a good idea to have them if there are people who may want to speak or do some other special offering to remember the person who has died. We do not encourage secular music during the funeral, so if there are special songs or music, the visitation might be a good time for that.

Note: The casket is never opened when it is in the Church. This is true for visiting hours as well as the funeral itself.

PLANNING THE FUNERAL

In this church, we use the *Book of Common Prayer* for Episcopal liturgies. The services for Burial are found on page 469 for Rite One, and page 491 for Rite Two. Rite One has more traditional language, Rite Two more contemporary.

For Presbyterian services, the order can be more relaxed. For either Episcopalian or Presbyterian services, you will need to plan the liturgy with the minister who is helping you with your service.

You will also have choices to make about scripture lessons and hymns. Our music comes from either the *Hymnal 1982* or *The Presbyterian Hymnal*. We have put a list of scriptures and hymns that you might find helpful at the end of this booklet. The minister should be able to help you decide on scripture and music. The Director of Music will also be more than willing to help, and will be available to perform the music for the liturgy, or will make sure someone is, if he or she is unavailable. We have included a list of the scripture choices and some hymns which we think are particularly good for funerals at the back of this booklet.

We are happy to create an order of service for you, as long as the Administrative Assistant is given enough notice. This can include a photo, if you wish.

A word about flowers: It is our expectation that the family will arrange flowers for the church with their own florist. The florist should call the church office with any questions about size or placement. Flowers sent as memorials will be placed in the windows. We cover all caskets with a funeral pall while they are in the building.

If there are clergy from other congregations or denominations that you would like to participate in the funeral, please let us know. All liturgies occurring in the Indian Hill Church are the responsibility of the clergy of the church. Other clergy can be invited to participate, but only by the Indian Hill Church clergy.

DISPOSITION OF THE BODY

There are several choices for disposition of the body. It may be buried or cremated. If you have a plot in the Indian Hill Church cemetery, please let the office know right away, so that we can make sure the grave is opened and ready. If you are planning for burial somewhere else, please let us know.

AFTER THE FUNERAL

It is sometimes possible for the family to hold a reception in the Guild Hall of the church after the service. The family is responsible for hiring the caterer and for paying the sexton for extra time spent setting up and cleaning up. Please let us know right away if you would like to do this. There are times when other events are scheduled and the Guild Hall is not free, and we ask you to be understanding of this.

FEES AND EXPENSES

If you are working with a funeral home, they will arrange for payment of fees for the organist, sexton and building use. If you are a member of the church and have already purchased a burial lot, the costs for opening the grave and ordering the marker are arranged with the Administrative Assistant. You may purchase a lot if you are a member of the church. This is also arranged with the Administrative Assistant.

If you are not working with a funeral home, the family is expected to pay the fees:

Organist:	\$150
Any other musicians:	\$150 per person
Sexton:	\$150
Building use (for non-members):	\$200
Honorarium for the clergy:	not specified, but \$200 is usual. Money from the honorarium is used for charitable purposes.

If you have a reception at the church, the following are building usage fees:

Guild Hall:	\$75
Guild Hall and Kitchen:	\$100
Guild Hall Setup/Breakdown	\$30
Cleaning	\$40
Dishes and Tablecloths	\$35
Tablecloth cleaning	\$15