

Our church family prays that God's grace will be with you as you face this time of loss. We want to extend God's love to you in what we know is often a difficult time.

We are comforted by the promise Jesus made to his followers,

*“Do not let your hearts
be troubled.*

Believe in God,

believe also in me.

In my Father's house

there are many dwelling places.

If it were not so,

would I have told you that I go to

prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for

you, I will come again

and will take you to myself,

so that where I am,

there you may be also.”

John 14:1-3

WHEN DEATH COMES

When the death of a loved one has occurred, please notify the church as soon as possible. The Business Manager will help you with the arrangements for the service and a pastor to preside. That pastor will meet with the family to work out the details of the service.

MUSIC AND SCRIPTURE

We encourage you to personalize the service by including favorite music and scriptures of the deceased in the service. If you are not sure what scripture to include, you may want to consider one of these:

Psalms 23, 90, 103, 121, 130, 139;

John 14; Romans 8;

I Corinthians 15; II Corinthians 4;

II Corinthians 5, Revelation 21;

Revelation 22; I Peter 1.

A church organist/pianist will be provided, so you may want to invite your guests to join in singing a hymn, or you may want to hire a vocal soloist. Please contact the Church Office for these referrals. The officiating pastor must approve all music.

WHAT ABOUT CREMATION?

Cremation is a matter of personal preference and economic consideration and is not a theological concern in the Presbyterian Church. We believe that at the end of all time, when God resurrects the bodies of believers, neither cremation nor deterioration of the body will stand in His way.

WHAT ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND GUEST BOOK?

The family is welcome to provide a guest book which should arrive 1 hour before the service. These are usually available from the mortuary. Our office will provide limited typing, printing and copying assistance for programs.

FEES

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER
Sanctuary	No charge	\$300
Reception	No charge	\$300
Minister	Honorarium	\$200
Organist	\$150	\$150
Coord.	\$100 / \$200	\$100 / \$200
Sound	\$100	\$100
Setup	\$100	\$100
Soloist	\$100	\$100

Please remit your payment to the Church Office before the date of your service. Make check payable to **Laguna Presbyterian Church**. Note name of deceased or memorial service date on check.

The Memorial Service Coordinator will help coordinate and host the service and reception. Fees are \$100 for a service only; \$200 for a service & reception.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Your family may want to consider an additional donation to Laguna Presbyterian Church. You also may designate a recipient such as the church or another charity for memorial donations in memory of the deceased. The family may want to consider establishing such a memorial as an ongoing way to honor your loved one. Our office can give you information about designating a memorial to our General Fund or to a specific ministry of our church.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Christian memorial service is a worship service which offers an opportunity for loved ones to give thanks to God for the life of the deceased and to hand him or her over to the loving arms of Jesus Christ, our Savior. In our memorial services, we affirm that Jesus, in his own death and resurrection, defeated the ultimate power of death, and because He lives, we too, shall continue to live with him forever.

WHERE TO HAVE THE SERVICE?

The Church is normally the preferred location for memorial services for Christian believers. Services at Laguna Presbyterian Church may be arranged in the Sanctuary, which comfortably seats up to 400.

The casket is normally not present. If it is present, it remains closed. When a viewing of the body is desired, it can be arranged in a room at the mortuary.

Graveside services are usually held before or after the memorial service for committing the body or the ashes to the ground. If the deceased requested a fraternal lodge service, it is held separately, perhaps as a graveside service, rather than being integrated into our regular service.

RECEPTION (2 HR MAXIMUM)

Often a simple meal or a reception is beneficial for extended family or out-of-town guests. When the burial precedes the worship service, a reception in Tankersley Hall gives guests an immediate opportunity to express their love and concern for the family after the service.

RECEPTION (CONT.)

For **Church Members**, our Deacons provide a simple reception of cookies and coffee without charge. If additional food is desired, the family and/or caterer provides all food and servers, tableware or paper goods and serving dishes.

For **Non-Members**, you may wish to consider a reception in your home. If our Tankersley Hall is available for a non-member reception, there is an additional \$300 charge and the family provides all food and servers, tableware or paper goods and serving dishes. The caterer must clear all tables and leave the kitchen clean afterward.

Our Deacons provide ushers to warmly greet the persons arriving at the service and to distribute any printed programs the family has prepared. Families designate a friend of the family to arrive an hour before the service, to bring the guest book, and to work with ushers to be sure special family needs are met. If any flowers arrive or photos are to be displayed, the family friend and Deacons arrange them tastefully before the service begins. A donation to our Deacon Fund is appreciated.



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Memorial Services



*In life and in death,
we belong to God
“for whether we live, we live unto
the Lord; and whether we die,
we die unto the Lord: whether we
live therefore, or die, we
are the Lord’s.”
(Romans 14:8)*

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