

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Fishburn Church

A Guide to Planning a Funeral at Fishburn Church



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The Funeral as Worship Service

A Christian Funeral is a *Celebration of Life*. During this worship service we acknowledge our human loss and yet still celebrate that our loved one has passed from this life into eternal life with Jesus Christ. We hope that this information helps walk you through the process of planning this important time.

Pastors and Location

Arrangements for the funeral service are made in conjunction with the funeral director in consultation with the officiating pastor. It is helpful when planning the funeral to have the funeral home directly contact the church office manager to ensure the church is available during your desired time.

Bulletins

As part of our ministry, the church office manager can create a bulletin/program for the funeral service. The officiating pastor will coordinate this information for you.

Service and Music

The church office keeps records on all of our members and their preferences for the worship service. You may review and update this material at any time. In planning your loved one's service, please ask the officiating pastor to check the office files.

Music may be chosen in consultation with the officiating pastor while planning the entire service. Your suggestions and desires are extremely important. The officiating pastor will work with the musician of your choice. If you opt to use another musician other than Fishburn staff, you are responsible to make sure they contact and coordinate with the officiating pastor.

Flowers and Memorials

Flowers may be delivered directly to the church on the day of the funeral. The church will acknowledge any financial gifts received in memorial of your loved one through a thank you letter sent directly to the donor. We will also keep you informed monthly on those who have remembered your loved one.

Funeral Meals

Fishburn does not currently offer meals after funerals. You may rent the Fellowship Hall and have your meal catered. Provisions must be made with the caterer to serve the meal. A custodian fee is required that includes set up and tear down. Facility fees are not required for church members.

Financial Expectations

Fishburn considers worship services for funerals a necessary part of our ministry. We do require honoraria for the staff necessary to operate the church during the service. And honoraria for the pastor is not expected for church members. You may arrange these with the funeral director.

- \$300 Facility fee, sanctuary and/or Fellowship Hall (non-members only)
- Pastor for non-members \$150
- Organist \$150
- Multi-media \$70
- Custodian for Service \$70 (weekend only)
- Custodian for Fellowship Hall \$100