

Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia

Planning for Your Death, Memorial Service and More

Thoughtful preparation and plans for our dying are an act of faith. Our attention to the details affirms our faith in God and frees us to live more fully. Moreover, the completion of this form becomes a gift to ourselves and our loved ones as we make clear our wishes and intentions. This form encourages us to think and talk about final things, to put our faith into action once again, and to glorify God. After completing this form, make copies for your own files, for your loved ones, and bring a copy to the church office. Feel free to update it, revise it, and make changes at any time.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Address: _____
(City, State, Zip Code)

Key Contact Person and their phone number: _____

Preferred Funeral Home: _____

Do you wish to be _____ cremated - OR - _____ embalmed and buried?

If you choose to be cremated, do you wish for your ashes to be _____ buried at a Committal Service?
_____ kept/distributed/spread by family?

Your preference for location and type of service?

_____ Memorial Service at Second Presbyterian (casket or ashes are NOT present)

_____ Funeral Service at Second Presbyterian (casket or ashes are present)

_____ Other location and plans: _____

_____ Graveside Service ~ Where? _____

_____ before service so fellowship reception can follow

_____ after funeral or memorial service

_____ at some other time? _____

Music Preferences

Suggested hymns to be played for the service: _____

Congregational hymns to be sung at the service: _____

Other music either played or sung: _____

Solos, choir anthems, or musicians: _____

Scripture Passages Preferred: _____

Other readings: _____

Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed, A Brief Statement of Faith, etc.) _____

Other things to be included in the service: _____

Special people to participate and/or lead the service: _____

If there is a casket, who might serve as pallbearers? _____

Do you wish to invite people to give memorial contributions to a certain cause/charity (Second Presbyterian Church, other organizations)? _____

Are there special thoughts, ideas, insights that you would like expressed at your service that might conform those who mourn or speak to those who gather? _____

Is there anything else you would like to mention? _____

Are there certain pieces of information that you wish included in your obituary? _____

Preferred Epitaph: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Suggestions for Scripture

<p>Old Testament</p> <p>Job 19:23–27 Isaiah 40:1–11, 28–31 Isaiah 40:28–31 Isaiah 65:17–25 Ecclesiastes 3:1–15</p>	<p><i>I know that my redeemer lives</i> <i>Comfort my people</i> <i>Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength</i> <i>I create a new heaven and a new earth</i> <i>For everything there is a season</i></p>
<p>Psalms</p> <p>Psalms 23 Psalm 46:1–5, 10–11 Psalm 90:1–10, 12 Psalm 103 Psalm 121 Psalm 130 Psalm 139:1–12</p>	<p><i>The Lord is my shepherd</i> <i>A very present help in trouble</i> <i>Teach us to number our days</i> <i>Bless the Lord, O my soul</i> <i>I lift up my eyes to the hills</i> <i>Out of the depths I cry to the Lord</i> <i>Whither shall I go from thy Spirit?</i></p>
<p>Epistles</p> <p>Romans 8:14–23, 31–39 Romans 14:7–9 I Corinthians 15:20–26, 35–38, 42–44, 50, 53–58 II Corinthians 4:16–5:1 I Thessalonians 4:13–18 Revelation 21:1–4; 22–25; 22:3–5 Romans 14:7–9, 10–12 Ephesians 6:10</p>	<p><i>Nothing can separate us</i> <i>Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's</i> <i>Death is swallowed in victory</i></p> <p><i>Visible things are transitory, invisible things permanent</i> <i>The comfort of Christ's coming</i> <i>A new heaven and a new earth</i></p> <p><i>None of us live to ourselves</i> <i>Be strong in the Lord</i></p>
<p>Gospels</p> <p>Luke 23:33, 39–43 John 11:17–27 John 14:1–6, 25–27 Matthew 18:1–5, 10 Mark 10:13–16 Luke 10:25</p>	<p><i>Today you will be with me in Paradise</i> <i>I am the resurrection and the life</i> <i>Let not your hearts be troubled</i> <i>The greatest in the kingdom of heaven</i> <i>Let the children come to me</i> <i>Love the Lord; love your neighbor</i></p>

SUGGESTIONS FOR MUSIC FOR A MEMORIAL OR FUNERAL SERVICE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Abide with Me
Amazing Grace
Be Thou My Vision
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
For all the Saints
For the Beauty of the Earth
Give Thanks for Life
Go, Tell it on the Mountain
God of Compassion
God of Our Life
God of the Sparrow
Here I Am, Lord
Holy God, We Praise Your Name
Holy, Holy, Holy
How Firm a Foundation
How Great Thou Art
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Lead On, O King Eternal
I Danced in the Morning
Lord of the Living
Now Thank We all Our God
O God, in a Mysterious Way
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Precious Lord, Take my Hand
The King of Love My Shepherd Is
The Lord's My Shepherd
The Strife is O'er
Thine is the Glory
When We are Living

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLOS

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," from Messiah, by G.F. Handel
"Brother James's Air" (Psalm 23), by Gordon Jacobs : "The Lord is My Shepherd" "He shall Feed His Flock" from Messiah, Handel
"In the Garden"