

My Funeral Plan

This is not a legal document. Rather, this resource is available as a “help” to the pastor and other church leaders who are called into service at the time of death. This resource may also help alleviate the burden of planning for family members at the time of death. This resource affords you the opportunity to reflect, pray and plan, should you choose to do so.

The Gathering

- Where do I wish to have services (church, funeral home)
- Special thoughts, considerations as friends and family come together for the funeral

My thoughts about this:

The Word

- Hymns, Scriptures, Poems and Readings
- Participants in the service

My thoughts about hymnody, scripture, etc...

The Body

- Embalming/cremation/organ donation/donation to medical research
- Have you spoken to your doctor about these things? Living will?

My thoughts regarding the presentation/viewing of my body:

The Grave

- If I am to be cremated, have I given thought to where I want my ashes scattered?
- If I am to be buried, have I given thought to committal at mausoleum, graveside, etc.?

My thoughts about my burial:

The Meal

- What foods are significant to me? How do I envision this feast?
- Time to share memories and greet friends and family and guests

My thoughts about my funeral meal:

Worship Plans

Using the *ELW Funeral without Communion* Handout (or ELW p. 279-283), you can find a few options for some prayers and other parts of the liturgy. While they may seem like minor details, these decisions will help your family in the rest of the process. You can circle one from the choices below.

Introduction

- *Option A:* Welcome in the name of Jesus...
- *Option B:* Blessed by the God and Father...

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- *Option A:* When we were baptized in Christ Jesus...
- *Option B:* All who are baptized into Christ...

Processional/ Gathering Hymn:

- *Number/Name* _____

Prayer of the Day:

- *Option A:* O God of grace and glory...
- *Option B:* Almighty God, source of all mercy...
- [*Option C:* At the death of a child]

Word: Readings and Other Poems

- *Reading 1* _____
- *Reading 2* _____
- *Gospel Reading* _____
- *Other Readings/Poems* _____

Hymn of the Day:

- *Number/Name* _____

Sending Hymn:

- *Number/Name* _____

If applicable:

Communion Hymns: