

Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church Augusta, Georgia



John 11:25-26

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

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We believe that we do not grieve in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Spirit and the community of faith. Since it is difficult to make decisions under emotional stress we are encouraging members to discuss and pre-plan the arrangements that are necessary at the time of death. These include decisions about the Christian options of burial, cremation, or donation for medical purposes. Plans should provide arrangements which are simple, and bear witness to resurrection hope, and in which the Christian community is central. (Book of Order, 4.10001 & 4.10004)

Since we baptize, marry, worship and gather for fellowship in the name of the God who gives us life, it is appropriate that members of this community of faith have their services at the church. Doing so enables us to see that death is a natural part of life and, that for Christians, death does not have the final word.

If I can be of assistance as you complete these plans, please do not hesitate to call us.

Grace and Peace to you,

Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters
Pastor

Planning Your Service

Name: _____ Date: _____

Have you discussed these plans with your family? _____ Yes _____ No

I wish to be an organ donor.

I wish to be cremated.

I wish my ashes to be placed in the Columbarium at Reid Memorial.

See the Reid Memorial website for Columbarium policies, guidelines, and costs.

I wish for my ashes to be _____.

I wish to have a memorial service.

At a memorial service, the body or ashes of the deceased are not present.

I wish to have a funeral service and for that service to be at the church the mortuary.

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Committal may follow the service.

I wish to have a committal/graveside service only.

Other:

I wish to have visitation prior to following my service.

I wish visitation to be at the church at the funeral home.

Location of the Service

Name of Church or Mortuary: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Name of Cemetery if applicable: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Has the plot already been purchased? _____ Yes _____ No

Arrangements

Mortuary: _____

Telephone #: (_____) _____ Contact Person: _____

Do you have a prearranged funeral? _____ Yes _____ No

Please see attached resources.

Scripture Selections: Please use the following scriptures _____

Music

Hymn or Musical Selections: Please use the following hymns: _____

Solo Selections: I wish to have the following solo(s) at my service: _____

Name of soloist: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Address: _____

Choir Participation: Please indicate whether or not you would like to have the choir, if possible, to participate in the service. _____

Memorial Gifts

I would like for any memorial gifts to be designated to: _____

Participants

Minister (s): _____

Other participants and their roles: _____

Pall Bearers: (these may include men and women, family and friends)

Personal Information

You should include any information that you believe should be included in your published obituary.

A separate sheet can be attached if you wish to include additional information.

Full Name

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Maiden _____ Name/Nickname you are known by _____

Sex _____ Race _____ Hispanic Origin? (Yes/No)

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Place of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Address

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

County _____ Telephone(____) _____

Mother's Name (include Maiden) _____ Father's Name _____

Marital Status

Spouse's Name (include Maiden) _____ Date of Marriage _____

Biography

Church membership/Religious Affiliation _____

Church Offices _____

Education (include name and location attended, degrees completed)

Military Service

Branch _____ Rank _____ Serial# _____

Date/Place of Enlistment _____ Date/Place of Discharge _____

Service Details _____

Work History (include name/location of company, dates/length of employment and job titles)

Social, Fraternal, Service & Union Memberships/Clubs & Organizations

(include offices or positions held and specify if former or current memberships)

Special Recognitions _____

Hobbies and Interests _____

Favorite Things (ex. Stories, Books, Movies, Foods, Pets) _____

Family Members (include name, address, and telephone number)

Children (If deceased, specify year)

Grandchildren

Great Grandchildren

Brothers & Sisters

Parents

Old Testament Readings

Job 19:23-27	I know that my redeemer lives
Isa. 25:6-9	God will swallow up death forever
Isa 26:1-4, 19	God will keep them in peace
Isa 41:1-11, 28-31	Comfort my people
Isa 40:28-31	Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
Isa 43:1-3a, 18-19	When you pass through the waters, I will be with you
Isa. 44:6-8	I am the first and the last
Isa 55:1-3, 6-13	Ho, everyone who thirsts
Isa 61:1-4, 10-11	The spirit of the Lord is upon me
Isa 65:17-25	I create new heavens and a new earth
Lam 3:19-26, 31b-32	The Lord's steadfast love
Dan. 12:1-3	Many of those who sleep in the dust shall awake
Joel 2:12-13, 23-24	Return to the Lord with all your heart

Psalms

Ps.16:5-11	The Lord is my chosen portion
Ps. 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Ps. 27:1,4-9a,13-14	The Lord is my light and my salvation
Ps. 39:4-5,12	Lord, let me know my end
Ps. 42:1-6a	As a deer longs for flowing streams
Ps. 43	Give judgment for me, O God
Ps. 46:1-5, 10-11	A very present help in trouble
Ps. 90:1-10,12	Teach us to number our days
Ps. 91	The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
Ps. 103	Bless the Lord, O my soul
Ps. 106:1-5	O give thanks to the Lord
Ps. 116:1-9,15	The Lord has heard my voice
Ps. 118	Open the gates of my righteousness
Ps. 121	I lift up my eyes to the hills
Ps. 130	Out of the depths I cry to the Lord
Ps. 139:1-12	Where shall I go from your spirit?
Ps. 145	I will extol you, O God my King
Ps. 146	Hallelujah praise the Lord, O my soul

New Testament Readings

Gospels

Matt 5:1-12a	The Beatitudes
Matt 11:25-30	Hidden from the wise, revealed to infants
Matt 25:1-13	Wise and foolish bridesmaids
Matt 25:31-46	The Last Judgment
Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises the son of the widow of Nain
Luke 18:15-17	We enter the kingdom only as children
Luke 23:33, 39-43	Today you will be with me in Paradise
John 3:16-21	God so loved the world
John 5:24-29	Whoever hears and believes has eternal life
John 6:37-40	Anyone who comes to me I will never drive away
John 6:47-58	Whoever believes in me has eternal life
John 11:17-27	I am the resurrection and the life
John 11:38-44	Lazarus raised from the dead
John 14:1-6,25-27	Let not your hearts be troubled

Epistles

Rom 5:1-11	Hope does not disappoint
Rom 6:3-9	Baptized into Christ's death, raised to live with him
Rom 8:14-23,31-39	Nothing can separate us from the love of God
Rom 14:7-9,10b-12	Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's
I Cor 15:3-8, 12-20a	Christ raised from the dead
I Cor 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 50, 53-58	Death is swallowed in victory
I Cor 15:35-44	The natural body and the spiritual body
I Cor 15:50-57	We shall all be changed
II Cor 4:16-5:1	Visible things are temporal, invisible things are eternal
II Cor 5:1-10	From God we have a house made with hands
Eph 1:11-2:1, 4-10	Saved by grace through faith
Phil 3:7-11	Knowing him and the power of his resurrection
Phil 3:20-21	Our citizenship is in heaven
Col 3:1-17	Set your minds on the things that
I Thess 4:13-18	The comfort of Christ's coming
II Tim 2:8-13	If we died with him, we shall also live with him
Heb 2:14-18	Christ was tested in every way
Heb 11:1-3, 13-16, 12:1-2	Faith, the pilgrimage, the cloud of witnesses
I Peter 1:3-9	Without seeing Christ, you love him
I Peter 3:18-22	Christ's ministry to the spirits in prison
I John 3:1-3	We are children of God
Rev 7:2-3, 9-17	These are they who have come out of the great tribulation
Rev 14:1-3, 6-7	Rest for the saints
Rev 21:1-4, 22-25	A new heaven and a new earth

Hymns

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Psalm 46)

Abide with Me

Christ Is Alive!

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Christ Is Risen

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

For all the Saints

God is Our Refuge and Our Strength (Psalm 46)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

How Firm a Foundation

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lift High the Cross

Live Into Hope (solo)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23) (solo)

Near to the Heart of God

O Christ, the Great Foundation

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

The Church's One Foundation

The Day of Resurrection!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Psalm 23)

The Lord's My Shepherd (Psalm 23)

The Lord's My Shepherd, All My Need (Psalm 23)

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

The Strife is O'er

REID MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FUNERAL / MEMORIAL SERVICE

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WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

Minister

A minister of RMPC will preside at all funerals held here. Guest ministers may participate in the service by invitation from the minister. Occasionally, a family member or a friend of the family will offer a brief personal remembrance or reflection. Families should discuss their hopes surrounding these details when they meet with the minister to plan worship.

Musician

Since our Organist/Associate Director of Music knows the instrument they will serve as the musician for all funerals. If they are unavailable a substitute musician will be provided. Initiating contact with the RMPC Organist/Associate Director of Music is the responsibility of the Minister.

Music suitable for worship directs attention to God and expresses the faith of the church. Hymns or other musical forms of praise and prayer may be offered by the congregation, choir, or soloists. Musical accompaniment need not be limited to the organ or the piano. You may wish to have an instrumental ensemble or the services of a vocalist. Please discuss these options with the Minister. All music and guest musicians must meet with the RMPC Musician. No recorded music may be used in the sanctuary.

Custodian

The Custodian opens the church, stays on site and cleans the space following worship.

Sound and Video Technicians

If you would like, a video technician can record and live stream the service for those unable to attend in-person. In order to secure a video technician, please speak to the minister.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Seating Capacity

The Sanctuary will seat a maximum of 400 people.

The Chapel will seat a maximum of 40.

Decorations

Decorations should enhance the spirit of Worship and Celebration. Nothing is to be removed or relocated from the Sanctuary or Narthex without approval. No objects, including flowers, vases or objects of any kind, are to be placed on the organ console.

Flower delivery should be coordinated through the church office. If you wish to leave the flowers for use by the church on the following Sunday, please share this information with the Minister.

PROGRAMS

The Minister will shape the order of worship. If you wish to have a printed order of worship, the church office is responsible for preparation and printing of the programs. Since the programs are a guide to worship, they shall not include personal photographs. All programs must be proofread and approved by the Minister and the RMPC Musician.

Documents You Must Have Prepared Before Your Death

*Please contact your attorney regarding the
review & preparation of the documents referred to below.*

- A Will. Does your executor/administrator have a copy?
 - ◆ A Will represents a person's final wishes and intentions. After providing for your loved ones, please consider one final testament of faith through a bequest to Reid Memorial in your Will or Living Trust that provides enduring support for our vital work. For many of us, this will be the most significant gift we will make—our gift of a lifetime.
 - ◆ If you have not done so, you need to make a Will or a Living Trust instrument. This is a significant and important undertaking.
- Durable Power of Attorney (registered).
 - ◆ A durable power of attorney for finances—or financial power of attorney—is a simple, inexpensive, and reliable way to arrange for someone to manage your finances if you become incapacitated (unable to make decisions for yourself).
- Healthcare Power of Attorney/Living Will
 - ◆ Healthcare Power of Attorney—you name an agent who will tell the doctor what treatment should or should not be provided.
 - ◆ Living Will—you tell your doctor that you do not want to receive certain treatment.
- Beneficiary Designations Documents
 - ◆ Regularly review and update all your documents that have a beneficiary. When you name a beneficiary, those assets can pass directly to whomever you designate; they won't have to go through probate, which can be a lengthy and costly process. In addition, keep in mind that your beneficiary designations will override bequests you have made in your will.
 - ◆ For forms and more information, type *Designation of Beneficiary Forms* into your web browser.



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