

## PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want;  
he maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures,  
he leadeth me beside 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 forever.

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## FUNERAL GUIDELINES



**A Christian funeral is a service of worship meant as a witness to the resurrection and a celebration of the life of the deceased. The following information may be helpful as you make plans to celebrate the life of your loved one at St. Matthew United Methodist Church.**

## **NOTIFICATION OF DEATH**

The death of a member of the church should be reported to the minister as soon as possible and arrangements for the funeral should be made in consultation with him or her. Our minister will participate in any services as he's available..

## **LOCATION OF SERVICE**

Funeral services may be held in the church sanctuary or chapel, a funeral home, or at the graveside, or at other locations approved by the minister. The church's facilities are available for a member's funeral or memorial service at no charge.

## **USHERS**

The church will provide funeral hosts to serve as ushers and acolytes. Additional ushers for large services may be provided by the funeral home. If there is a need for reserved seating for honorary attendants (Sunday school class, circle, co-workers, etc,) please let the pastor and funeral home know.

## **MUSIC**

The music director is responsible for securing an organist for the service as well as any vocal or instrumental soloists. Please advise her of any specific instrumental requests or music selections. Compensation for each participating musician is \$100.

## **BULLETIN/ORDER OF WORSHIP**

A bulletin is provided by the church for services held at the church. The minister will help select hymns, scriptures and the order of worship. With guidance from the office administrator, you may also select special scriptures, poems, photos, etc. to be printed in the bulletin.

## **FLOWERS**

Living flowers are a symbol of the resurrection of our Lord and are customarily furnished by the family as an appropriate way to honor a loved one. The church florist is Embassy Flowers (864-282-8600 at 12 Sevier Street, Greenville) or you may contact another florist if you choose. The church will supply two lined brass urns suitable for use on each side of the casket. A single arrangement not to exceed a height of 32" may be placed on the altar. A floral spray may also be placed on the casket.

## **CASKET**

When a casket is present, it is to be closed by the funeral director at least fifteen minutes prior to the service. St. Matthew has a beautiful white funeral pall to cover the casket for use inside the church in lieu of a casket spray. The family may also provide a United States flag for those who have served in our nation's military.

## **SOUND**

Funeral services are not routinely taped at St. Matthew. Please speak to the pastor if you desire a tape and we will help make arrangements. The time and date of the service often affects the availability of a sound technician.

## **PARKING**

The immediate family may park near the ramp on the west side of the church, whether in personal vehicles or those provided by the mortuary. Our building is handicap-accessible from the ramp or the lower-level entrance and elevator near the Education Building. If a wheelchair is needed, please notify the office staff in advance.

## **VISITATION**

You may like to offer visitation immediately prior to or after the service. It may be held in the Church Parlor, the mortuary or at another location. Church visitation prior to the worship service will end 15 minutes before the service to allow the family a private moment together.

## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

Graveside committal services may be held before or after the funeral or memorial service.

## **FAMILY MEAL**

Please advise the minister or church administrator if you desire to have a meal served to the family either before or after the service and he/she will ask the Bereavement Meal Coordinator to contact you to make arrangements.

## **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

Memorial gifts are a special way to honor a loved one. You may designate giving to the St. Matthew Endowment Fund, Building Memorial Fund, any ministry of the church, or to the charity of your choice.