

Alamance Presbyterian Church

Suggestions for Funeral Service Content

Order of Worship for a Funeral Service

- Call to Worship
- Processional Hymn
- Welcome and Opening Prayer
- Remembrances from Family and Friends
- Readings from Scripture
- Sermon
- Special Music
- Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Lord's Prayer
- Commendation
- Hymn

Order of Graveside Committal Service

- Scripture Reading
- Words of Committal
- Prayer
- Benediction

Suggested Scripture Readings

Old Testament Books

- Job 19:23–27 I know that my redeemer lives
- Isa. 25:6–9 God will swallow up death forever
- Isa. 40:1–11, 28–31 Comfort my people
- Isa. 40:28–31 Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength
- Isa. 43:1–3, 18–19, 25 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
- 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, 23–29 Return to the Lord

At the loss of a child:

- Zech. 8:1–8 Children playing in the streets of the city
- Isa. 65:17–25 I create new heavens and a new earth

For those whose faith is unknown:

- Eccl. 3:1–15 For everything there is a season
- Lam. 3:1–9, 19–23 The Lord’s steadfast love

Old Testament Psalms

- 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. 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. 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. 146 Hallelujah! praise the Lord, O my soul

New Testament 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
- 1 Cor. 15:3–8, 12–20 Christ raised from the dead
- 1 Cor. 15:20–58 Death is swallowed in victory
- 2 Cor. 4:16–5:1 Visible things are temporary, invisible things eternal
- 2 Cor. 5:1–10 From God we have a house not 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 are above
- 1 Thess. 4:13–18 The comfort of Christ’s coming
- 2 Tim. 2:8–13 If we died with him, we shall also live with him
- Heb. 11:1–3, 13–16; 12:1–2 Faith, the pilgrimage, the cloud of witnesses
- 1 John 3:1–3 We are children of God
- Rev. 7:2–3, 9–17 They who have come out of the great tribulation

- Rev. 14:1–3, 6–7, 12–13 Rest for the saints
- Rev. 21:1–4, 22–25; 22:3–5 A new heaven and a new earth
- Rev. 22:1–5 The Lord God will be their light

For those whose faith is unknown:

- Rom. 2:12–16 The law written on the heart
- Rom. 14:7–9, 10–12 None of us live to ourselves

New Testament Gospels

- Matt. 5:1–12 The Beatitudes
- Matt. 11:25–30 Hidden from the wise, revealed to infants
- 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 I am the way, the, truth, and the life

At the loss of a child:

- Matt. 18:1–5, 10 The greatest in the kingdom of heaven
- Mark 10:13–16 Let the children come to me

For those whose faith is unknown:

- Matt. 25:31–46 As you did it to one of the least of these

Suggested Hymns

- 14 For the Beauty of the Earth
- 15 All Creatures of Our God and King
- 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
- 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
- 250 In the Bulb There Is a Flower
- 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
- 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds
- 326 For All the Saints
- 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
- 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
- 375 Shall We Gather at the River
- 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
- 450 Be Thou My Vision
- 488 I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry
- 611 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
- 625 How Great Thou Art
- 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound
- 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
- 825 Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
- 833 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
- 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- 836 Abide with Me