

***A Celebration of  
Life and Resurrection  
For My Family and Friends***

This booklet belongs to

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_

This booklet is intended for those desiring to have their funeral/memorial service in the Presbyterian Church of Radford (PCR) and/or who wish to have their interment in the PCR Memorial Garden.

**This is not a legal document.** You are simply making your wishes known to your family and others who might be responsible for your funeral. Filling out this booklet is a gift to your loved ones.



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## **Foreword**

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Dear Friends,

In Romans 14: 7-14 the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Rome, “We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.”

In that spirit this booklet is an opportunity for each of us to express our Christian faith in death as we have in life. Please use this opportunity in the spirit it is offered: in our great hope that “in life and in death, we belong to God.”

Your servant and friend in Christ, David A. Dickerson

## **Purpose and Objective**

Planning your funeral is one of the most thoughtful gifts you can provide for your family. Grief is a confusing and difficult time, and planning a funeral in the midst of these emotions can be overwhelming. Your decision to complete this guide lifts some of the burden from your family. By completing the following pages, they will have a document that clearly expresses your wishes and acts as a guide for them.

The terms *funeral* and *memorial* are used interchangeably through this booklet. Technically, a funeral is a service with the body present; a memorial is a service without the presence of the body.

Share this guide with a family member and/or the person you select to be responsible for carrying out the wishes and desires you have outlined. Keep this in a safe place, but not in a safety deposit box where your family has no access. Update the information periodically. A copy of this document may be left at PCR, and the following persons have permission to view the contents of this guide:

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## Disposition of My Body

I wish to donate my body (or parts of my body) \_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish this \_\_\_\_\_  
(specifically) \_\_\_\_\_

I have made the following prearrangements (paid) for the burial of my body

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have not made prearrangements, but desire the following

Funeral Home \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I do \_\_\_ do not \_\_\_ desire an open casket viewing of my body

I have made arrangements \_\_\_ I have not \_\_\_ made arrangements for a burial plot

Internment will be at \_\_\_\_\_

Possible pall bearers \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** I wish to have my body cremated

Funeral Home or other facility \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have already paid \_\_\_ I have not already paid \_\_\_ for my cremation

I wish to have my ashes placed \_\_\_\_\_

Gravestone/memorial plaque I prefer \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PCR Memorial Garden

**PCR maintains a Memorial Garden for cremated ashes to be placed. All members and active participants in our church's life are welcome to use this space.**

**Because of state regulations, we are not allowed to bury ashes in containers because burial permits would be required. We are also not allowed to place markers where individual ashes are placed.**

**Ashes may be scattered over the designated space in the garden, or placed in a hole dug for that purpose.**

**A memorial plaque can be purchased from Mullins Funeral Home and placed in the designated spot in the Memorial Garden. Single plaques or a plaque marked "RESERVED" (for several members of a family) may be attached to the Memorial Wall at the member's discretion with the approval of the PCR minister.**

**Many families choose to place the ashes in the Garden prior to the memorial service, but the time of that ceremony is left to the discretion of the family and the PCR minister.**

## **Church Policies about Funeral Services Held at Presbyterian Church of Radford (PCR)**

**Funeral services are considered to be worship services and should be planned with the advice and consent of the current minister of PCR.**

**Charges – There are no financial charges to church members for use of the Sanctuary or for the PCR minister who participates in a funeral service. However, families are responsible for additional fees that may be charged by an organist, other musicians, or the PCR sexton. Any other contributions are appreciated.**

**The Sacrament of Communion – This church ritual is not available to be included in a memorial service.**

**Clergy - The current minister of PCR will perform funeral services in our Sanctuary, but other clergy may be invited by the family to participate with the PCR minister's permission.**

**Flowers – Flowers may be displayed in the Sanctuary at the discretion of the family and the minister of PCR.**

**Interment of body or ashes may occur before the worship service, after the worship service, or at the discretion of the family and the minister of PCR.**

**Church policies change from time to time, so all arrangements must be coordinated with the current PCR minister and approved by him.**

**A Sample Memorial Service of Worship Format**  
**(a list of possible hymns and Scriptures follows)**

**PRELUDE**

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

**MUSIC (optional instrumental or vocal)**

**MEDITATION**

**EULOGY (optional)**

**HYMN**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**The family may choose to greet friends before the service in the parlor or after the service in the fellowship hall. Refreshments for the congregation, if requested, should be coordinated with the PCR minister and the church's support groups.**

**(if appropriate) Committal Service at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm at  
\_\_\_\_\_ cemetery.**

**Would you like a Eulogy in addition to the minister's meditation? \_\_\_\_\_**

**By whom? \_\_\_\_\_**

## SOME POSSIBLE HYMNS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!.....	No. 104
Christ Is Alive!.....	No. 108
Christ Is Risen.....	No. 109
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!.....	No. 113
The Day of Resurrection!.....	No. 118
Come, Christians, Join to Sing.....	No. 150
Rejoice, the Lord Is King.....	No. 155
The King of Love My Shepherd Is.....	No. 171
God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength.....	No. 191
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past.....	No. 210
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God.....	No. 260
God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand.....	No. 262
Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....	No. 276
Amazing Grace.....	No. 280
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee.....	No. 282
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go.....	No. 384
What a Friend We Have in Jesus.....	No. 405
Precious Lord, Take My Hand.....	No. 404
Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!.....	No. 430
The Church's One Foundation.....	No. 442
O Christ, the Great Foundation.....	No. 443
Lead On, O King Eternal.....	No. 447
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art.....	No. 457
Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....	No. 460
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee.....	No. 464
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven.....	No. 478
For All the Saints.....	No. 526
Near to the Heart of God.....	No. 527
Abide with Me.....	No. 543
Other: _____	

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## SOME POSSIBLE SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

Job 19: 23-27 .....*I know that my redeemer lives*  
Isaiah 26: 1-4, 19 .....*God will keep them in peace*  
Isaiah 40: 1-11, .....*Comfort my people*  
Isaiah 40: 28-31 .....*Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*  
Psalm 23.....*The Lord is my shepherd*  
Psalm 103.....*Bless the Lord, O my soul*  
Psalm 121.....*I lift up my eyes to the hills*  
Psalm 130.....*Out of the depths I cry to the Lord*  
Psalm 139: 1-12.....*Where shall I go from your spirit?*  
Luke 23: 33, 39-43.....*Today you will be with me in Paradise*  
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*  
Romans 8: 14-23, 31-39..... *Nothing can separate us from the love of God*  
Romans 14: 7-9, 10b-12.....*Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's*  
I Corinthians 15: 20-24a.....*In Christ shall all be made alive*  
I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-38, 42-44,50, 53-58 *Death is swallowed in victory*  
I Corinthians 15: 50-57.....*We shall all be changed*  
II Corinthians 4: 16- 5: 1.....*Visible things are temporary*  
I Thessalonians 4: 13-18.....*The comfort of Christ's coming*  
Revelation 21: 1-4, 22-25; 22:3-5.....*A new heaven and a new earth*  
Revelation 22: 1-5.....*The Lord will be their light*

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS** *(consult your attorney)*

**1- I have a will \_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a will \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My will can be found \_\_\_\_\_**

Consider including Presbyterian Church of Radford, 201 Fourth Street, Radford, Virginia 24141, as part of your Will in the distribution of your assets or requesting donations be made to PCR or your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

**2- I have a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a lawyer \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My lawyer's name and address is: \_\_\_\_\_**

**3- I have a financial advisor \_\_\_\_\_ I do not have a financial advisor \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My advisor's name and address is \_\_\_\_\_**

**4- My primary care physician is \_\_\_\_\_**  
**The address is: \_\_\_\_\_**

**5- I have insurance policies \_\_\_\_\_ I do not have insurance \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My policies can be found \_\_\_\_\_**

**7- My credit cards are**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**8- You will find my birth certificate, passport, and other important papers**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9- I have a Durable Power of Attorney (DPA)\_\_\_\_\_**

**I do not have a DPA\_\_\_\_\_**

**My DPA can be found \_\_\_\_\_**

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).

**10- I have a Living Will / Healthcare Power of Attorney (HPA)\_\_\_\_\_**

**I do not have a Living Will or HPA\_\_\_\_\_**

**My Living Will / HPA can be found \_\_\_\_\_**

Living Will – you tell your doctor that you do not want to receive certain treatments.

Healthcare Power of Attorney – you name an agent who will tell the doctor what treatment should or should not be provided.

**11- At this time, my debts include\_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**12- Multiple copies of the certificate of death can be obtained from the funeral home or cremation site (you will need at least 10 copies).**



**OTHER OPTIONAL HELPFUL DOCUMENTS**

**(Where are they located?)**

**1- house and land deeds** \_\_\_\_\_

**2- cemetery plot information** \_\_\_\_\_

**3- car registrations** \_\_\_\_\_

**4- financial investments** \_\_\_\_\_

**5- savings bonds** \_\_\_\_\_

**6- partnership or corporate operating agreements or 501 Accounts**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**7- three years' previous tax returns** \_\_\_\_\_

**8-checking and savings bank accounts**  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**9- safety deposit boxes located** \_\_\_\_\_

**Keys to safety deposit boxes** \_\_\_\_\_

**10-Armed Services ID Number (if served in military)** \_\_\_\_\_

**11- Social Security Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notify Social Security and apply for death benefit: 800-772-1213**

**10- computer password** \_\_\_\_\_

**11- other critical passwords or pin #s** \_\_\_\_\_

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