

5. Reception

Often a reception takes place following the Funeral or Memorial service. It is a time to greet family and friends and to share memories and stories of the deceased. This may take place at the funeral home, at the church or at another location.

6. Follow up

Following the Funeral or Memorial service, we will continue to hold you in our prayers, and offer you support as appropriate and possible.

Decoration/Flowers: Flowers may be delivered to the church the day of the service. The Funeral Home staff will place the flowers. Please do not use lilies and other fragrant flowers in order to respect those with scent allergies. Seasonal decorations (i.e. Christmas, Easter or Thanksgiving) will remain in place.

Pre-Service Visitation: Prior to the service at the church, you may wish to greet friends and family, or you may wish to gather privately as close family. Space for both options is available. Such visitations will end 30 minutes prior to the service.

Pall Bearers: If a casket is present, you may wish family members or friends to act as pall bearers. Pall bearers will be seated at the front of the worship space and will accompany the casket out of the church at the end of the service.

Bulletins & A/V: The church office can prepare a funeral bulletin that outlines the order of service. The order of service can be projected on our TV screens. These are optional. You may prefer to supply the church office with an electronic image of your loved one to personalize the cover of the bulletin or put on the TV screens.

Fees: The funeral home will normally handle the costs, which are:

Minister: \$300.00 Music Minister: \$200.00
A/V Tech: \$75.00 Streaming Tech: \$75 Lift Operator: \$50.00
Custodian: if no reception \$75.00/ if reception in the church \$100
Host (if non resident Minister is presiding): \$150.00

Please note there is no cost for the use of the church facility.

KINCARDINE UNITED CHURCH FUNERAL INFORMATION



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The death of a loved one can be a time of great emotional and spiritual challenge. At this time, you may be seeking a service to remember and to celebrate the life of your loved one. Perhaps you may be putting some initial plans in place for the future. Following a death, a public service of worship is often an important and helpful step in grieving and in healing. Regardless, we are here to offer you and your family support and care.

OUR MISSION:

*The congregation of Kincardine United Church strives to be
a **loving, hopeful** and **inclusive** community of faith that nurtures **Christian discipleship**.*

A Funeral or Memorial Service is a service of worship and of praise to God for the gift of life. The gathered community is reminded of its identity as people of faith. We retell stories of faith as found primarily in the Bible, but also as found in hymns and music, in poetry, in prayers and in blessings. While such a service entails celebrating a particular life, this is just one part of the larger celebration of life itself. Here's what to expect:

1. Initial Call to Minister or Church Office

Typically, a member of the family or representative from a funeral home (if a funeral home is to be involved) contacts the church office or a minister. Depending on availability and any preferences stated by the family, a minister from the church will take the lead in helping to plan the funeral or memorial service. The minister will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

2. Visit with the Minister

In addition to offering pastoral care, the minister will want to meet, when possible, in person with family members to make plans for the service and to take time to reminisce. Family and friends are welcome at this meeting.

3. The Funeral or Memorial Service

While there is flexibility, here is an outline of the order of service that many have found helpful as a starting point:

Gathering: *This may include music (see note on music at bottom of page 3)*

Entrance of the Family: *The family is usually seated together at the front of the worship space*

Lighting of the Christ Candle: *A candle is lit to remind us that Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, is with us even in our sorrow and grief. Members of the family may participate in this part of the service which does not involve speaking*

Welcome: *A brief welcome starts the pathway of healing offered within the service*

Scripture Sentences: *These sentences root the gathering as well as the stories that will be shared into the biblical stories of faith that bind us together*

Statement of Purpose: *This indicates why we gather for the service*

Opening Prayer: *To pray for God's presence as we mourn and as we remember*

A Time of Remembering: *Family or friends may offer memories, stories, poems, etc. It is suggested that this time **not exceed fifteen minutes in total**. As a general guideline, one double-spaced, typed page of text using 12-point font will take between two and three minutes to read*

Scripture Readings: *One, two or three passages from the Bible are read. Either family or friends may wish to participate by reading any of the passages*

Sermon: *The minister offers a brief sermon in which the Bible reading(s) will be incorporated – lasting no longer than six minutes – that proclaims hope and good news in light of the death of your loved one*

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer: *The minister offers prayers of thanksgiving for the gift of life and prayers of concern for the family and friends; you may decide to have everyone pray the Lord's Prayer together*

Words of Commendation, Blessing and Benediction: *Prayers are offered near the casket, the urn or any displayed picture(s) for the deceased, commending their care to God. Words of blessing followed by a benediction conclude the service*

4. Music at the Funeral or Memorial Service

Music can add meaning to Funeral and Memorial services. For services held in the church, our Minister of Music, David Hamilton, typically plays the piano or the organ as people gather as well as at the end of the service. You may also wish to include solos or instrumental music (fees may apply). All music should be complimentary to the worship experience.