

## Music Options and Guidelines for Memorial Services

Planning a memorial service can sometimes be a difficult task for a grieving family. The following worksheet will assist you in selecting the music for a memorial service in consultation with the presiding minister. In most every category, our ministers and/or organist will be glad to make recommendations for appropriate pieces. *All music used for memorial services should be sacred and consistent with music used at FPC for Sunday worship services.*

Should you have additional requests, please consider the following:

- 1) Due to the time constraints often associated with a memorial service, we *cannot guarantee additional selections* beyond those offered in the attached list.
- 2) The use of vocal soloists and/or instrumentalists are subject to availability given the time and date of the service, as well as the number of days available to plan the service. Also, the music requested may be subject to modification depending on the availability of printed music and/or the time required to prepare the piece(s). Additional fees may be required when using vocalists or instrumentalists.
- 3) All selections should be of a sacred nature, consistent with music used in worship at First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio.

### Please select from the following options as you plan the memorial service

#### **Prelude Music (10-15 minutes) –**

Due to the amount of time and flexibility needed to structure a 10-15 minute musical prelude, our organist will provide appropriate prelude selections, incorporating hymns the family might like to hear (as well as other organ prelude music heard in worship at FPC). If you have hymn tunes you would like included, please feel free to list them and our organist will create a prelude based on those melodies.

#### **Congregational Hymns (4 minutes each):**

Please select 1-2 congregational hymns for the service from the attached list. If you are unsure of which hymns to select, your minister will be glad to make those selections with/for you.

First Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Hymn: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Postlude Music Options (5 minutes) – please choose one of the following options:**

- 1) Organist chooses the postlude (*strongly suggested*)
- 2) Family chooses 1 piece from the attached list

#### **Optional Vocal Soloist (*additional charge – subject to availability*) – please select from the following:**

- 1) The Lord's Prayer
- 2) Family chooses a hymn from the attached list of congregational hymns

**Prelude Music (10-15 minutes) – Please choose one of the following options:**

Organist selects appropriate prelude music. Please feel free to suggest tunes/pieces you might like to have included in the prelude such as the following –

O God, Our Help in Ages Past Abide with Me Amazing Grace How Great Thou Art	I Need Thee Every Hour Be Still, My Soul It is Well with My Soul Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	A Mighty Fortress is Our God Great is Thy Faithfulness Lift High the Cross Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach Largo from Xerxes- Handel Rhosymedre - Vaughan Williams
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**Congregational Hymn Options (may also be used as vocal solos) – select 1-2 hymns:**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God Abide with Me Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound Be Still My Soul Be Thou My Vision Eternal Father, Strong to Save Fairest Lord Jesus For All the Saints Great Is Thy Faithfulness How Great Thou Art I Love The Lord, Who Heard My Cry I Need Thee Every Hour I Want Jesus to Walk with Me In the Garden I've Got Peace Like a River	It is Well with My Soul Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Near to the Heart of God O God, Our Help in Ages Past O Jesus, I Have Promised O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Open My Eyes That I May See Precious Lord, Take My Hand Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us The King of Love My Shepherd Is There Is a Balm in Gilead What a Friend We Have in Jesus
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**Postlude Music Options – Please choose one of the following options:**

Option #1 - Organist selects appropriate postlude music (*strongly suggested*)

Option #2 – Family chooses 1 piece from the following:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee A Mighty Fortress is our God	How Great Thou Art For All the Saints
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