

August 23rd
5:30pm-7:00pm



Heavenly Prep is not about making sure your loved ones do the right thing when you are gone, it is about ensuring your loved ones don't have to stress about what the right thing is.

Panelists:

Tommy Davis

J.C. Harwell and Sons Funeral Home
Newton County Coroner

Frank Turner

Greer, Stansfield, & Turner, LLP

Judy Davis

First Presbyterian
Church Covington, GA

Loy Turner

Longleaf Hospice

Heavenly Prep:

A Workshop for End of Life Planning

"I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created."

ROMANS 8:38-39

How do I want the end of my life to be? As Christians we know that our dying, just as our living, is within the providence and care of God. We do not have a choice in the God-given certainty of our deaths, but we do have choices about how we face that reality and plan for that transition. How do we best claim and practice the presence of Christ and the hope of resurrection at the end of life? There will be many different answers to that question, as we are called to many different roles and responsibilities in life and therefore hold many different aspirations and expectations for our lives. In turn, at the end of our lives, we have many different aspirations and expectations for our dying. If we are to be responsible to our beliefs, our hopes, and our aspirations, we must think about our goals for medical care and treatment as our lives draw to a close. This is not simply a matter of expressing our freedom as Christians before God. Advance care planning is also a gift we can give to our families and others entrusted with our care who need to know what kinds of care will be meaningful and fulfilling to us.

Abiding Presence: Living Faithfully in End of Life Decisions
By PC(USA)

We pray this resource is a gift to you!

Though details in this packet refer to FPC Covington, most preferences can be used as a guide in expressing your wishes even if you are not a member of FPC Covington. Speak to your pastor about how these details may be implemented at your church.

If you are a member of FPC Covington, we ask that you bring a copy of your packet to our church office to be put on in a confidential file. We are also able to copy it for you in the office.

Please note that this is intended to be a guide. Your expression of wishes in this packet is not legally binding and should not be used as replacements for other official end of life planning.

Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet

The Christian Funeral Service - Witness to the Resurrection

This service is a gathering of family and friends, who form a community of hope. A funeral or memorial service is a rich opportunity to recall the promises of God through Christ. Because of His suffering, death, and resurrection to new life, each time we gather to worship upon the death of a loved one, we do so in the context of God's promise. Every funeral includes praising God in Christ who is our hope and our salvation, even as we remember the deceased and give thanks to God for the time shared with that person.

Christians view death as another step in our life as children of God. Yet, Christians also experience death as a time of loss when sorrow, grief, and bereavement are both natural and appropriate. These two truths inform the Christian funeral service and guide the church in its ministry to those who have lost a loved one to death, affirming with both joy and tears the promise and hope of the Good News of Jesus.

A funeral or memorial service should be comforting to those who mourn as well as bear witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. The concern of gathered friends does minister to our grief but, above all else, a funeral is a service of worship to God. There, in God's presence together, we witness to our faith in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life ever-lasting. In doing so, the assurance of God's love and salvation in Christ become a ministry, especially to the bereaved. Since a funeral is a service of worship, all that takes place should be consistent with this principle.

Our Funeral Planning Guide and Worksheet is designed to:

- ♦ to provide a tool for planning for the future when your life on this earth ends, and
- ♦ to support and guide families making plans upon the death of a loved one.

In the first days following a loved one's death, the family makes an average of 200 decisions. During such an emotional, stressful and demanding time, plans that have been made earlier lighten the load after death.

If you've not made advance plans, this guide will be helpful to you as you arrange for services and burial of your loved one.

This guide will walk you through a series of questions. Your responses can be marked on the worksheet at the end. The Pastors are available to discuss any items with you. When you are finished, please share your worksheet with a family member or friend who will act on your behalf after your death. It would also be helpful to contact one of our pastors to share your worksheet so that it can be held in safekeeping for the future.

Funeral Planning Worksheet

When planning your funeral, or a funeral for a loved one, there are many choices to make. Facing some of those choices now will make the process less demanding for your loved ones later. This Funeral Planning Worksheet will lead you through a variety of decisions. After death, a Pastor of FPC will meet with family members and review your worksheet to form the funeral or memorial service.

This worksheet may be used by:

- ♦ an individual making their advance plans known, or
- ♦ a family planning the funeral of a loved one nearing death or recently deceased. Please supply as much information as you wish to share on any parts of the worksheet.

Guide for a Service in Witness to the Resurrection of _____

Full Name: First, Middle (Maiden), Last

Date Completed: _____

For the Person Making Advance Plans:

When you have completed this worksheet, please consider sharing it with your pastor. Your information will be kept in a confidential file. It will be used in consultation with your family or whomever you have directed to carry out these wishes upon your death.

Also, after completing the worksheet, consider telling someone you trust about it. You may wish to discuss with them what you have written to be certain that it is clear. Consider providing copies:

- ♦ To your Family
- ♦ To a Funeral Director
- ♦ To someone you trust with a note that says,

I have recorded my desires regarding my death and burial. I keep this information in the following place: _____ (i.e. on file at the church, with my will, etc.). At the time of my death, I ask that you use this information to provide guidance for my family and my church in making arrangements for the funeral I desire. Although this information is being left for safekeeping, I understand that it is not legally binding or enforceable. This worksheet does not make the church or anyone obligated or responsible for the execution of these instructions.

With gratitude,

Signature and Date

For Family Members Making Plans for the Funeral of a Loved One Nearing Death or Recently Deceased:

Please use this worksheet to assist with plans that will honor your loved one's expressed wishes or desires and will reflect his/her values. If you haven't already contacted a Funeral Director, please consider doing so now. The professional services, compassionate care, and guidance they provide will greatly assist you in the days ahead. The FPC Pastors are available to refer you to Funeral Directors they know well and hold in high regard.

When death occurs, please contact the church office. If the office is closed, you may leave a message or contact a pastor directly.

Christian Worship Service Plans

To be completed in advance of death.

Location of Service

☐ FPC

☐ Funeral Home

☐ Cemetery (graveside service only)

☐ Other _____

Time of Service

☐ Morning

☐ Afternoon

Will the Remains Be Present at the Service?

☐ Yes (Coffin)

☐ Yes (Urn with ashes)

☐ No

Display Items to be On or Near the Casket/Urn

☐ Floral spray and/or additional flower bouquets

☐ Bible

☐ Photograph

☐ Cross

☐ Flag (only used in place of flowers)

Readers

I would like the following person(s) to read at my service (please include relationship)

Bible Readings

☐ The pastor who officiates may choose the readings

☐ My family will choose the readings

☐ I have chosen the readings as indicated on the next page

Congregational Hymns

☐ The pastor who officiates may choose the hymns

☐ My family will choose the hymns

☐ I have chosen the hymns as indicated on the next page

Reading and Music Preferences

Suggested Readings:

Please circle or write in reading preferences

Old Testament

- ◇ Job 19:23–27
- ◇ Isaiah 40:1–11
- ◇ Isaiah 40:28–31
- ◇ Isaiah 65:17
- ◇ Psalm 23
- ◇ Psalm 46:1–5, 10–11
- ◇ Psalm 90:1–10, 12
- ◇ Psalm 121
- ◇ Psalm 130
- ◇ Psalm 139:1–12

Gospels

- ◇ Matthew 5:1–12a
- ◇ Luke 23:33, 39–43
- ◇ John 11:17–27
- ◇ John 14:1–6, 25–27

New Testament

- ◇ Romans 8:14–23, 31–39
- ◇ Romans 14:7–9, 10b–12
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 15:20–58
- ◇ 2 Corinthians 4:16–5:1
- ◇ 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
- ◇ Revelation 21:1–4, 22–25, 22:3–5
- ◇ Revelation 22:1–5

Other Readings Selected:

Suggested Hymns:

Please circle or write in hymn preferences

- ◇ "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"
- ◇ "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"
- ◇ "O God, Our Help In Ages Past"
- ◇ "For All The Saints"
- ◇ "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is"
- ◇ "Lift High The Cross"
- ◇ "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
- ◇ "A Mighty Fortress"
- ◇ "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"
- ◇ "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"
- ◇ "Amazing Grace"
- ◇ "How Great Thou Art"
- ◇ "This Is My Father's World"
- ◇ "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Other Hymns Selected:

Special Music

_____ I would like the FPC Chancel Choir to sing

_____ I would like this vocalist to sing:

Special Music Selected

Selection of solos or anthems must aim to reflect the spirit of Christian Worship and must be approved by the pastor.

Remembrances to be Shared During Worship

_____ No

Yes, I would like the following person to speak:

Please note: speakers will be allowed at the discretion of the pastor

Reception Following Worship

_____ Yes, I would like a reception following the service in the FPC Fellowship Hall.

_____ No, I would not like a reception.

Funeral Home

Preferred Company

Specific arrangements in advance at the funeral home of your choice are encouraged.

Have Pre-Arrangements Been Made?

Yes

No

Disposition of the Body

Embalm body

Cremate body shortly after death

Cremate body shortly after service

Eligible for Military Honors

No

Yes (please provide details)

Pall Bearers (if needed)

Cemetery

I have made arrangements for my burial.

Name and Location of Cemetery:

I have not made arrangements for my burial.

I suggest the following arrangements:

Desired Expressions of Sympathy

Flowers

Memorial Gifts in lieu of flowers

Memorial Gift Suggestions

FPC's Endowment Fund

Other

Obituary

Full name (including maiden name):

Date and location of birth:

Parents' names (including mother's maiden name):

Marital Status, marriage date, and name of spouse:

Names of children:

Additional next of kin:

Personal History

On a separate page, record additional information including place(s) of residence, special events, hobbies/interests, schools attended and degrees received, accomplishments, memberships, employment history, volunteer activities, military service, etc. Include as many full names, city of residence, birth and death dates, etc. as possible. All this information is important to your family.

This information does not need to be prepared in paragraph form.

Important Documents and Advisors

It is important that survivors be able to locate vital records and important documents. Before your death, you should have a current will/living trust and related health care directives which express your wishes on important personal, financial, medical, and charitable issues for your survivors. If you need information regarding estate planning, planned giving, and/or the inclusion of a Christian preamble for your will, please consult your legal or financial advisor.

Location and Date of Will/Living Trust

Location of My Living Will

Attorney/Will Preparer Contact

Financial Power of Attorney Contact

Medical Power of Attorney Contact

Executor of Will/Estate Contact

Guardian (for Minor Children) Contact

Life Insurance/Policy Number

Additional Information (ex: location of safe combinations, website passwords)



First Presbyterian Church
Covington, Georgia

Guidelines for The Garden

Concept: The design of the garden seeks to balance the sanctity of the memorial aspect with the vibrancy of a garden enjoyed by all visitors to the garden.

The Facilities Team is responsible for approving overall design features and for general maintenance of the garden. The Memorial Garden Committee is a subcommittee of the Facilities Team.

Design: The memorial feature consists of a three foot wide raised bed (plus coping) along the entire wall facing Clark Street and an equal width along the wall to the left of the entrance. A granite bench has been added to the latter space.

Memorial Feature: The granite enclosed raised bed is reserved as a repository for cremains, based upon the following eligibility requirements:

- ♦ The deceased should have been a member of First Presbyterian Church for at least 6 months prior to death or be immediate family of an active member;
- ♦ Families of non-members and former members may apply to the pastor, who will exercise discretion in responding to this request. The discretionary process may include consultation with the Session.

In consultation with the deceased's family, the pastor will perform such final rites as he or she deems appropriate.

A permanent registry will be maintained. The registry will contain one page for each decedent.

Landscaping of the memorial area will be sparse and tasteful and may change periodically. Memorial items and/or flowers may be placed temporarily on special occasions such as anniversaries, birthdays or holidays. Items will be removed after one week by the family or the Memorial Garden Committee. No permanent decorations, except for the engraved stone, will be allowed.

The fee for interment of cremains in the Memorial Garden will be set by the Session and may be periodically revised. This fee includes perpetual care of the garden and the engraved memorial stone.



The Garden

Memorial Registry

The information below will be entered into a permanent register of those whose cremains are interred in The Garden at First Presbyterian Church Covington, Georgia. The register will be available to the public. Please print clearly. This information will be used to type a page for the permanent register.

Full Name of Deceased _____
(include maiden name if applicable)

Date of Birth _____

Date of Death _____

Surviving Family _____

For the church records, please list family contact information below:

(This information will be kept confidential.)

Name _____

Full Address _____

Telephone number(s) _____

Email address _____

The cost of \$350.00 includes the engraving of the stone and perpetual care of the garden. Checks should be payable to: First Presbyterian Church
Mail to: 1169 Clark Street SW. Covington, GA 30014



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Covington, Georgia

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Funeral Service Form

To be completed by loved ones upon death.

A Service in Witness to the Resurrection

The Christian Funeral is a worship service in which God's people witness to their faith in hope of the Gospel, the communion of the saints, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Full Name of deceased _____

FPC Member ____ Yes ____ No

Date of birth _____ Date of death _____

Name of Applicant _____

Relationship to Deceased _____ FPC Member ____ Yes ____ No

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

Funeral Home _____

Location/address _____

Funeral Director/Contact _____

Date and Time of Funeral Service _____

Visitation ____ Yes ____ No Date/Time _____ Where _____

Service in Sanctuary or at Funeral Home _____

Live Streamed ____ Yes ____ No

Location of Interment

Graveside ____ Yes ____ No Date/Time _____ Where _____

Memorial Garden ____ Yes ____ No

(if yes, policies and application will be provided)

Pastoral Care and Hospitality

Meal Train ____ Yes ____ No (Meals delivered to church member's home by church family)

Reception following at Church (Host: Faith and Fellowship Team)

____ Fellowship Hall ____ Narthex

Provided: Cookies, nuts, mints, punch, tea (allergies? _____)

Sandwiches/finger foods *Provided by Presbyterian Women (up to 100 guests)

Catered meals - Provided by the family

Clergy

The Pastor of FPC will officiate the funeral. Additional clergy participation and leadership will be at the discretion of the pastor.

Worship

Order of Worship (Please list hymns and scriptures you would like to have in the service)

Hymns _____

Scriptures _____

The final bulletin shall be approved by the pastor. The bulletin shall not be edited 24 hours before the funeral, 48 hours if the service is on a weekend.

Choir desired ____ Yes ____ No Soloist desired ____ Yes ____ No

Worship Service (Host: Worship Team)

Gathering prior to worship: Time _____ Location _____

Number of pews to be reserved for family _____

Flowers ____ Yes ____ No Leave for Sunday Worship ____ Yes ____ No

Bulletin ____ Yes ____ No

Table for photos? ____ Yes ____ No Location: ____ Fellowship Hall ____ Narthex

Slide Show of pictures in fellowship hall? ____ Yes ____ No

(Provided by family, Church Tech Team will help set up)

If available, would you like a DVD of the service? ____ Yes ____ No

In lieu of flowers

Memorial gifts may be made to the church in memory of your loved one. If you would like memorial donations to be made to another charity, you would usually have it published along with the obituary.

Endowment Fund at FPC ____ Yes ____ No

Pall Bearers

John Doe
Jane Smith
William Smith
Harry Doe
Thomas Doe
Samuel Smith
Luke Smith
Matthew Doe

Worship Leaders

Neeley Rentz Lane
Senior Pastor

Erin Morgan
Associate Pastor

Alicia Taylor
Director of Music and Worship Arts

Alice Walker
Organist, CAGO, AAGO

Dan Walden
Tech Team



First Presbyterian Church

Covington, Georgia

Jane Doe

January 1, 1922—December 31, 2022

First Presbyterian Church Covington, GA

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770.786.7321 fpccov.org

A Service in Witness to the Resurrection

August 23, 2022 10:00 a.m.

Jane Doe

January 1, 1922—December 31, 2022

Prelude

Alice Walker

Call to Worship

✠ **Hymn 275**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

Prayer of Adoration & Thanksgiving

The Rev. Erin Morgan

Solo

It Is Well with My Soul
William Smith, bass

Phillip P. Bliss

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 139:1-12

Words of Faith, Hope & Remembrance

The Rev. Neeley Rentz Lane
John Doe

✠ **Hymn 649**

Amazing Grace AMAZING GRACE

Prayer of Intercession The Rev. Erin Morgan

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠ **Hymn 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Postlude**

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*All are invited to join the family at the
Covington Southview Cemetery for the Committal.*

*Following the Graveside Service, the family will
host extended family and friends for a time of
remembrance and refreshments in the Fellowship
Hall of First Presbyterian Church.*

*In lieu of flowers:
Give to the FPC Endowment Fund
fpccov.org/realms*



1. How is hospice care different?

Longleaf treats the person not the disease. The emphasis is on palliative care, which means the hospice team members, under the direction of a physician, work to help the patient feel more comfortable.

2. Is hospice giving up hope?

No, most terminally ill patients experience less anxiety by refocusing hope on what might be realistically achieved in the time remaining. If continuing uncomfortable and painful curative treatment for an illness is fruitless, hospice patients benefit more from having their symptoms treated instead.

3. Is hospice affiliated with any religious organization?

Longleaf is not affiliated with a religious organization. Longleaf will, however, work with the patient and his or her family to locate clergy to meet spiritual needs.

4. What is the hospice interdisciplinary team?

Hospice care is provided by a team of hospice staff members who coordinate efforts on behalf of the patient and family. The team of professionals includes doctors, physicians, nurses, home health aides, social workers, spiritual counselors, spiritual care coordinators, bereavement coordinators and trained volunteers.

5. Does hospice do anything to make death come sooner?

Hospice care neither shortens nor prolongs life. The goal of hospice care is to keep the patient as pain free and alert as possible.

6. Is home care the only way hospice can be received?

While most patients receive care at home, hospice care can also be received in an assisted living facility, a personal care home, a skilled nursing facility or a hospital setting when appropriate.

7. Is the decision to seek hospice care permanent?

If a patient's condition improves, patients can be discharged from hospice. If the patient should need to return to hospice care, they can resume services.

8. Is hospice covered by insurance?

Medicare, Medicaid and most insurance providers cover hospice care including hospice-related medicine, equipment and supplies. Longleaf Hospice will work with families on an individual basis to make sure they do not pay unnecessary costs.

9. When should we consider hospice care?

At any time during a life-limiting illness, it's appropriate to discuss a patient's care options. Longleaf is an option, and by law the decision belongs to the patient.

10. Who makes the decision about entering hospice?

Ultimately the decision is made by the patient, with consultation with his or her physician and family, during a life-limiting illness. Longleaf is available during the decision-making process to discuss all care options.

11. How does hospice manage pain?

Longleaf's success rate in battling pain is very high. Our nurses and doctors are up-to-date on the latest medication and devices for pain and symptom relief. We also believe emotional and spiritual pain are just as real and in need of attention as physical pain. Counselors and chaplains are available to assist patients and families.

12. Is hospice care limited to a maximum of six months?

In the U.S., many insurance companies, as well as the Medicare Hospice Benefit, require that a terminally ill patient has a prognosis of six months or less to start hospice, but a terminally-ill patient can receive hospice care for as long as necessary.

13. Does hospice help the family after the patient dies?

Longleaf provides ongoing contact and support for caregivers following the death of a loved one and refers family members to community support resources.

Longleaf 
hospice & palliative care

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Heavenly Prep Reflection Activity

A reflection activity for you as we begin our time together

From a funeral you have attended, what is something that stood out to you?

What do you picture heaven being like?

How comfortable are you when talking about death? Explain.

1	2	3	4	5
not at all	somewhat	neutral	comfortable	very comfortable

Have you experienced the hospice journey with someone? Explain.

What kind of “life-support treatment” do you want or not want? Does your family know?

How do you typically respond to grief?