

Music

Organ music is traditional in churches and can add to the occasion at the beginning and end of the service as well as accompanying any hymns. It is also possible for piano to be used rather than organ.

The organist, choir director, and MMPC Worship team are responsible for all music at MMPC. A uniform standard of performance consistent with the customs and practices of MMPC must be maintained. Music shall be suitable and reverent. The members of the Worship team have the final decision concerning the musical portions of all services taking place here.

The organist, choir director, and Worship team are available by appointment for consultation on the choice of music. They will be pleased to discuss the choice of hymns and instrumental pieces used before, during, and after the service, as well as the use of instrumentalists, soloists, choirs, and visiting musicians. The family may contact the assigned church musician to discuss musical selections.

Musicians who are not members of MMPC may not be engaged to play at MMPC without the permission of the organist, choir director, and/or Worship team.

If a soloist is desired, a church musician may be available. If not, the family may have to provide their own soloist.

Either the MMPC organist or accompanist will play the organ/piano for the service.

The musicians are to be paid directly by the family.

At least one hymn is usually sung at a funeral/memorial service in a church. Certain hymns are particularly well suited for a funeral service. You may also want to consider a favorite hymn of the person who has died.

Hymn suggestions:

Abide with Me
Amazing Grace
Be Thou My Vision
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
23rd Psalm
Responsive singing of the Lord's Prayer (arr. Al Oppenheimer)

Choir Anthems or Solo suggestions:

In the Garden
On Eagle's Wings
God So Loved the World
The Lord is My Shepherd
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
How Great Thou Art



Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Funerals & Memorial Services

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Accompanist:	Julie Carr

Service

Funeral and memorial services may be held for members of MMPC's church family. Two hours are scheduled for each service. This includes one-half hour for guests to arrive, one hour for the service, and one-half hour for cleanup. If approved in advance, additional time for a reception may be allowed.

Meetings with the Pastor are to be scheduled by the family. The number and focus of the meetings is determined by the Pastor. Through counseling, the Pastor seeks to address the spiritual, physical, social, economic, and mental adjustments associated with death.

The service time is scheduled with the Pastor.

Flowers

Flowers are the responsibility of the family. If flowers are to remain in the Sanctuary for the Sunday service, appropriate information for the bulletin should be given to the Office Administrator.

Delivery of flowers is to be scheduled with the Office Administrator.

Guest Books

Guest books are provided by the family and may be placed on the tables in the narthex

Bulletins

The Office Administrator will prepare a standard 8.5 by 11 in. bulletin for up to 100 people. The information for the bulletin will be provided by the Pastor after consultation with the family and relevant members of the Worship Team.

Photo, special bulletins or amounts greater than 100 are the responsibility of the family.

Ushers

The family is responsible for providing ushers. A service with 50 guests should have at least three ushers. Ushers are responsible for seating guests and distributing programs. Ushers should arrive at least a half-hour prior to the service.

Reception

Upon the request of the family, a reception may be held following the service.

The MMPC Board of Deacons will be available to provide assistance. They will prepare coffee and hot water for tea and assist with food arrangements.

The Deacons will prepare and serve light refreshments, such as cookies,

crackers/cheese, or fruit/vegetable platters for up to 60 people. Family and friends may provide additional prepared refreshments with Deacon coordination and approval. No cooking is allowed.

If a caterer is hired, the church office and Deacon representative must be given their name and phone number. The caterer must coordinate delivery of the food with the church office and Deacon representative before the event.

Caterers or family/friends will provide any required tableware and desired table linens or decorations, and will be responsible for setup and cleanup.

Following the reception, all trash must be taken to the dumpster.

Food or drinks may not be stored in the kitchen or refrigerator following the reception.

The family must inform MMPC of plans, including the final number of guests expected and the kinds of refreshments that will be provided, at least 48 hours prior to the event. This information may be faxed or delivered to the church office.

A deposit of \$100 is required for use of the kitchen. This will be returned if the church facilities are left clean and the cleanup is signed off by the Deacon representative.

No alcohol may be served on church property.