**Brighton First Presbyterian Church**

**SERVICE of WITNESS to the RESURRECTION**

**Church Policy for Funerals and Memorial Services**

As your church family, Brighton First Presbyterian Church, Session and members extend our deepest sympathies for your loss. In the midst of your grief, may you sense God’s comforting presence and never-ending love for you and your family.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes members and others to host their funeral or memorial service in our facilities. At First Presbyterian Church, all are welcomed and encouraged into active participation in the ministries and fellowship of the church.

**A Christian Understanding of Death**

The resurrection is a central doctrine of the Christian faith and shapes Christians’ attitudes and responses to the event of death. Death brings loss, sorrow and grief to all. In the face of death, Christians affirm with tears and joy the hope of the Gospel. Christians do not bear bereavement in isolation but are sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit and the community of faith. The church offers a ministry of love and hope to all who grieve.

**Officiating Minister**

The pastor of Brighton First Presbyterian Church will help you plan a service that is meaningful and that reflects the Christian faith we share. If you wish to have a minister from another church assist in the service, you should discuss this first with the officiating minister who will extend an invitation to the assisting pastor.

**The Service and Music**

The officiating pastor can provide you with a sample of a service order to assist you. The service begins with scriptural sentences. It is appropriate for worshipers to sing hymns or

songs which affirm God’s power over death, a belief in the resurrection to life everlasting, and the assurance of the communion of the saints. Scripture shall be read and a sermon or other exposition of the Word may be proclaimed. Reflections on the life of the one who has died are encouraged. Prayers shall be offered, giving thanks to God.

Music is an integral part of our worship of God. As such, the music chosen should be respectful of Christian tradition, serve to glorify God and express our faith, and appropriately honor the life of the person we are celebrating. We can help you identify appropriate music selections if needed.

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**Flowers and Decorations**

If floral arrangements or decorations are going to be used, they should reflect the integrity and simplicity of the Christian life. The family is responsible for the removal of all flowers, decorations and pictorial displays at the conclusion of the service. *Note: Large instruments, handbell tables and seasonal decorations in the church are not to be moved or altered (including hung banners, Christmas trees, wreaths, etc.)*

**Receptions**

As part of their caregiving ministry, the First Presbyterian Church Deacons offer a simple, complimentary reception of light refreshments (cookies, coffee and punch). We request that the reception last no longer than 2 hours. You may want to make plans to continue visiting at another location if you think you will need more time.

If the family desires another type of reception, the Pastor can assist in those plans. All associated costs will be the responsibility of the family.

**Contact Information**

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**FUNERAL/MEMORIAL SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE**

**Service Fees**

The First Presbyterian Church family of faith is honored and privileged to host your Service of Witness to the Resurrection. Our desire is to provide spiritual support as you mourn the death of your loved one and celebrate their birth to new life in Jesus Christ For your convenience, the fee balance is to be paid in full to Brighton First Presbyterian Church by the date of the service, in order that all parties may be fairly paid by the church bookkeeper in good time. *Note: If the fees are a hardship for you, please talk to the pastor. Also, in some cases a funeral home may assist the family in paying out fees, which is also appropriate.*

**Customary Fees Member Non-Member My Costs**\_\_\_\_

Use of Sanctuary $0 $0 $ 0 \_\_\_

\*Officiating Minister $0 $200. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sound Technician $50. $150. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*\*If a guest pastor is invited to assist, the hosting pastor requests an honorarium of $100.*

**Optional Fees Member Non-Member My Costs**\_\_\_\_

Projection Technician (in sanctuary) $50. $75. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organist/Pianist/Soloist $150. per musician $150. per musician $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Extra musicians, special music needs TBD TBD $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Service (if reception) $75. $75. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Table linens (optional for reception) $40. $40. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Reception Member Non-Member My Costs**\_\_\_\_

* Complimentary cookies and punch will be provided by the Deacons at your request.
* If you prefer to serve a light meal, you must make arrangements to provide the food, and the Deacons will serve it.
* While there is no set fee for either of these options, the Deacons would appreciate a voluntary donation to the Deacons Fund. Please make checks payable to Brighton First Presbyterian Church c/o Deacon Fund and give to the officiating pastor prior to the service. Suggested donations:

Cookies and Punch reception $0 $50. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Reception with food $0 $100. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE ON THE DAY OF THE SERVICE $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**