



Funeral Guidelines

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As a church family, we want to convey our love and care to you and your family during this time of loss. We're grateful to be able to walk with you through this season. Our goal is to make this process as helpful and clear as possible, allowing you to focus on remembering and honouring your loved one.

Planning Guidelines

- We are honoured to provide funeral services that reflect our Christian faith and traditions, offering comfort and hope rooted in our shared belief in Jesus Christ.
- Confirmation of the funeral service date and time is dependent on our church calendar and staff/volunteer availability.
- One of our pastoral or chaplain staff members will officiate the funeral, taking into consideration your wishes and existing relationships between pastors and family members.
- To help plan the funeral service, the officiant will meet with you and provide you with helpful suggestions and guidance.
- We understand the desire to share the funeral service with friends and family who cannot make it to the service. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide video recording or live streaming. We do welcome you to make arrangements for that, using your own arranged equipment and individuals.
- Many funeral services include a photo slideshow or video. Kindly provide slideshows in the form of a video in mp4 format to ensure compatibility with our equipment. Our staff do not put together videos or build slideshows from provided photos.
- Any flowers or decorations need to work around what is already on our stage. We have certain fixed objects, such as but not limited to the keyboard and drums, that are not to be moved.
- All flowers and decorations need to be taken down and removed from the building at the time that you leave following the event.
- If there is congregational singing during the service, we will display lyrics on the projection screen in the Main Auditorium.

- We'll schedule an appropriate number of Production (Tech) Team members based on your production needs. Typically, one or two individuals from our team will support your service.
- Regrettably, childcare services are not available during the funeral service.
- We have someone who coordinates our food service for funeral receptions. They will be in communication directly with you about your wishes for the funeral reception. The food and volunteers are provided through the generosity and love of our church family whenever possible.

Cost Guidelines

- Main Auditorium & Foyer - No Charge
- Officiant - \$350
- Musicians - \$150/person
- Production/Tech Team - \$125/team member
- Food Coordinator - \$125
- Custodial Contract Fee (this includes set up and take down of chairs, and cleaning)
 - Small Group (under 40 people) - \$62.15 (\$55 + HST)
 - Medium Group (under 120 people) - \$96.05 (\$85 + HST)
 - Large Group (over 120 people) - \$175.15 (\$155 + HST)

If you are using the services of a funeral home, they will handle the distribution of the above costs on your behalf. If you are not using a funeral home, remittance may be made to the church office by way of cheque to "Faith Baptist Church" or by e-transfer to info@faithmuskoka.ca. Please note the word "funeral" in your payment memo.

If you have any questions about the upcoming funeral service, please connect directly with the officiant overseeing the service or call our church office at 705-789-2492.

GriefShare

We also want to let you know that we provide a grief support group, called GriefShare, which runs a few times throughout the year. We warmly encourage you and your family to consider joining this supportive group. If you have any questions about GriefShare, visit faithmuskoka.ca/griefshare or email griefshare@faithmuskoka.ca.