

## GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS AT TRINITY

Our Book of Order (W-2.0305 and W-4.0703) empowers ministers of the Word and Sacrament to plan, prepare and lead worship. Having clarity on these responsibilities is important, particularly in the case of funeral services, as these services tend to happen in a much tighter time frame than weekly worship.

Given this, and in the spirit of our Book of Order, the Worship Ministry Team endorses the following guidelines to be observed by Trinity ministers, staff and members:

- On the occasion of death, families should reach out to the minister of the Word and Sacrament at Trinity.
- When there is more than one Minister of the Word and Sacrament, any minister can take the lead in organizing and planning the service with the family; with the Senior Minister being informed of plans from their inception.
- Per the Book of Order, only a minister of Word and Sacrament from Trinity is allowed to work with the family on the Order of worship and components of the worship service, unless the Senior Minister and Worship Ministry Team chair have approved other arrangements.
- Per the Book of Order, a guest minister may be permitted to participate in leadership of the funeral service, provide s/he communicate with the Senior Minister well in advance of the service.

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*In life and in death, we belong to God.  
A Brief Statement of Faith*