



*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies,  
and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.  
John 11:25-26*

**The Pastor, staff, officers, and members of the Wilson Temple United Methodist Church family share your grief in the loss of your loved one. May you know the Lord's comfort, and may His love surround you during this time of loss.**

**Because of the importance and sensitivity of this time in your life, we have set guidelines to assist you through the preparation process.**

- ❖ It is expected that **primary arrangements** will be made in consultation with our Pastor/or his designee. Date and times of Worship Service must be coordinated and affirmed with the Pastor/Church Administrator **before** confirming with the Funeral Director. Typically, viewings are from 10 a.m. – 11a.m. and Celebration of Life 11a.m. – 12 noon, but times can be adjusted when possible.
- ❖ Requests for the participation of a guest pastor to assist in the service must be made with the pastor.
- ❖ We will do our very best to honor your request as we remember the Celebration of Life Services are worship services to comfort the family and bring Glory and Honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Visitation/Viewing should take place before the Celebration of Life. If the deceased person belonged to a sorority and/or organization that has special services, please plan to have these services **before or as part of** the visitation, but prior to the start of the Christian worship service.
- ❖ At the end of the visitation the casket will be closed and not opened again (NO second viewing).



### **Funeral Bulletin**

- ❖ You will be provided a basic format for worship services conducted in United Methodist Churches, according to our Book of Worship. Our Pastor is available to discuss the order of service and provide advice and input at the time of visitation. The printing of the program is the responsibility of the family. The funeral director should be able to assist you with the program typesetting and printing or direct you to service providers. Wilson Temple does not have the capacity to provide this service. The order of service is attached. Please discuss any deletions and/or additions you desire with the Pastor/designee.

### **Order of Worship**

- ❖ The funeral is a very intimate and important time in the life of a family, we are sensitive to this aspect of caring for a loved one's final wishes. The order of service is based on the Christian worship service according to the United Methodist Book of Worship. Any desire to alter that format must meet with the approval of the pastor.
- ❖ Tributes are a hallmark that is unique to the African American funeral service. We are glad to welcome gestures of love. It is our practice to limit those sentiments as prescribed below in the worship format. Any wish to alter the format must be specifically requested directly to the pastor and granted upon pastoral approval.

### **Music**

- ❖ Our staff musician is available for Wilson Temple UMC member's funeral at no cost to the family. If the family uses a musician or musicians outside of church, then the family is responsible for paying the musician.

### **Hospitality (meal)**

- ❖ However, delivery of home meals will be available. Dinner will be prepared for up to 75 family members.
- ❖ **Menu: fried or baked chicken, green beans, potato salad, tea, water, dessert**

**The church office is available to help with any questions you may have regarding the repast.**

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Please use the below guide in planning the order of service.



The Order of Service

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Processional

Clergy, Family, Friends

Moments of Visitation/Viewing

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Musical Prelude

The Words of Grace

Pastor

Prayer of Comfort

Minister/Designee

Selection

Musician

23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (printed in or on back of bulletin)

Pastor

Tributes

Limit 2 min/per person & limit of 3  
persons

Acknowledgements

Resolution(s)/3-4 cards

Obituary

Read Silently

Selection

Musician

Words of Remembrance

Pastor

Prayer

Pastor/Minister/Designee

Selection

Musician

Benediction

Pastor

Recessional

Musician

The Service of Committal (Burial)

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the below guide in planning the order of service for Graveside Service in light of COVID.



The Order of Service

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

❖ **Moments of Visitation/Viewing to take place at the funeral prior to service.**

Musical Prelude (Family to work with Funeral Home)

Greetings	Pastor
Words of Grace	Pastor
Prayer of Comfort	Minister/Designee
Scripture	Pastor
Tributes	Designated persons by Family
Words of Remembrance	Pastor
Prayer	Pastor/Minister/Designee
Burial/Committal	Pastor
Benediction	Pastor

The Service of Committal (Burial)

Place: \_\_\_\_\_