

9. The Pastor pronounces the Benediction.

A good Benediction to use is the Benediction which is partially taken from Phil. 4:7.

10. The Pastor turns the service over to the Funeral Director.

11. The Pastor precedes the casket to the hearse.

12. The Pastor stands to one side while the casket is put in the hearse.

If the Pastor is wearing a hat, he should remove it at this time unless the weather is inclement.

D. Music

The bereaved frequently lose control of their emotions when there is special music at a Funeral Service. Therefore it is usually best to omit it. However, if the bereaved request special music or if the Pastor feels the bereaved will be helped by it, then the Pastor should use it.

E. Trip to the Grave

1. The Pastor should drive his own car to the grave unless there is a tradition to the contrary.

2. The Pastor should precede the casket from the hearse to the grave.

F. Grave Service

1. With a Committal

a. The Funeral Director indicates to the Pastor when to begin the service.

b. The Pastor takes his place in front of the people.

c. The Pastor reads the following passages of Scripture:

(1) John 11:25,26

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

(2) 2 Cor. 5:1

"For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."