



Funerals or Memorial Services Frequently Asked Questions

What is required to hold a funeral or memorial service at Calvary?

Having funeral or memorial services at Calvary is an option for all attendees and their family members. Our staff is available to provide help and support to all experiencing a loss, however the ability to hold a service at Calvary depends upon availability on the church's calendar, as well as the availability of a pastor. Calvary's pastors often officiate at services held in alternative locations (funeral homes or graveside). Please ask!

When and where are funerals or memorial services held at Calvary?

We have two campuses with worship spaces: Golden Valley (GV) and Minnetonka (MTKA)
Services are typically held at 11 a.m., 1 or 2 p.m.

- GV Worship Center - Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays - 750 seat capacity
- GV Chapel - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 150 seat capacity
- MTKA Worship Center - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - 175 seat capacity

What fees are involved?

There is no charge for using the Visitation, Worship or Reception spaces.

Fees are necessary for the Media Technicians who provide the sound and the visual slides, and are payable to Calvary.

- GV Worship Center - \$300
- GV Chapel & MTKA Worship Center - \$200
- Live-streaming (optional) - \$50

Are there other fees associated with a Calvary funeral or memorial service?

- Officiating pastor honorarium - \$250+ and payable to the pastor
- Musician(s) fee - \$250-300 - set by the musician and payable to the musician
- Reception food and serving fees - set by caterer and payable to catering firm. Suggestions for caterers who are familiar with working in our space are available upon request.

How do I schedule a funeral or memorial service?

Call Calvary at (763) 545-5659. During business hours, a receptionist will forward your call to the appropriate party. After hours, please leave a message in the general voicemail and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Once a date has been set:

Calvary staff will walk you through the details surrounding a funeral or memorial service, with the officiating pastor assisting with crafting the service order and other decisions. Considerations include:

- **Music preference** (style and specific songs). Calvary has musicians who regularly participate in funeral/memorial services, and connections may be made on your behalf. Musicians are paid directly.
- **Scripture readings and eulogists.** The officiating pastor will assist with these decisions.
- **Livestreaming** the service for viewing online by those unable to attend to view during the service at events.calvary.org. This also provides you with a video to keep, distribute and view later.
- **A slideshow** to share pictures of your loved one on Calvary worship screens. Up to 50 digital pictures (.jpgs) can be used prior to the start of the worship service.
- **A visitation** preceding the worship service (or "reviewal" if a casket is present).
- **A reception** immediately following the funeral or memorial service. This may include refreshments, a catered meal or just a time to gather. Catering suggestions are available. Reception options on-site include:
 - GV Gathering Room - up to 150 sit-down guests, with overflow capability into our Atrium.
 - MTKA Gathering Room - up to 125.

Are there other details to be aware of?

Calvary may require assistance by funeral home/mortuary personnel or family volunteers, if the funeral is expected to exceed 60 guests. Tasks may include helping with the placement of flowers, distribution of honorariums, welcoming of guests, the guest book, collection of condolence cards, and removing flowers and general clean-up.