## Shepherd's Gate Church Funeral Packet



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# Funeral Packet

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### INFORMATION OVERVIEW

AT TIMES OF DEATH the intellectual side of us can be well-prepared but the personal and emotional side of us can crumble under the burden. The death of someone can be a time of disbelief, frustration, anger, uncertainty, self-doubt, and deep concern. These emotions find their way through our hearts and minds.

As people who believe in Jesus Christ we grieve, but not like those "who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13). As believers in Jesus Christ we have the sure hope of the resurrection to comfort us and can say with confidence as Paul did, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).

The emotions we experience with the death of someone we care for, together with wanting to make the correct decisions in a limited amount of time, leaves many families feeling overwhelmed. Often these decisions must be made when we are grieving and are least prepared. This packet will help you get through the process of planning a funeral and memorial.

#### One of the questions that is most often asked is,

"What is Shepherd's Gate position on cremation?"
Our position is that cremation has no theological significance and may be used in good conscience.
Cremation is a matter of Christian freedom, and no Christian who chooses to have a loved one cremated should be led to think that such a decision is sinful or in opposition to the Bible.

We want you to know that we deeply care for you and are ready to help you if you ever find yourself in the position of having to plan a funeral. A Christian funeral or memorial service is an opportunity to give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ's victory over death and His promise of the resurrection for eternal life (John 6:40,44,54). This funeral planning guide contains information you need to know for planning a funeral here atShepherd's Gate.

#### THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO

is contact the church office to speak to one our pastors. If you are going to be working with a funeral home we suggest you do this before you go to the funeral home to make arrangements. This will allow us the ability to make sure the building is available for the day and time of the funeral if you are planning on having the service at Shepherd's Gate. If you are planning on having a service at the funeral home, contacting the church office first ensures that one of the pastors is available.

In either case, the officiating pastor will also make an appointment to meet with the family.

#### At this appointment he will help you select:

- Music
- Scripture verses
- Prepare an order of service

This funeral planning guide contains sample orders of service for both funeral and memorial services, music suggestion sheet, scripture help list, grief support group information and monetary considerations for you to review prior to the meeting.

We also have resources available to you for the days following the funeral. Our CARE Program offers support through GriefShare, which is a support group for adults experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one. Video-based curriculum offers practical coping skills and education, while group environment offers support and encouragement. (See insert for more information.)

You may contact our Care Director at care@sgatchurch.org or by phone at 586.731.4544.

For questions or more information call the church office at 586.731.4544 and ask to speak to one of our pastors.

### ORDER OF FUNERAL SERVICE - SAMPLE

The officiating pastor will guide you through the planning of the service when he meets with you. The following sample order of service is intended to help assist in that planning. The funeral service is intended for the burial of those who have departed this life in the Christian faith. As such, the service is a celebration of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Civil ceremonies and or military honors are not part of the service itself and are therefore conducted either before or after the service of the Church. It is the family's responsibility to provide service bulletins if you desire to have them.

#### SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE

Remembrance of Baptism: Prior to entrance into the church a remembrance of Baptism may be read by the Pastor.

In Holy Baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_ was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all of his/her sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." – Romans 6:3-15

**Processional:** A song or hymn may be sung, or pastor may read a Psalm as the casket and family process into the worship center.

**Prayer/Invocation:** A prayer and invocation are said.

Song: A song may be sung. A song may also be played if there is no live music. (See Music Suggestion List.)

**Family Tributes:** The family may choose to have some members of the family or close friends give some words of remembrance. This is optional and up to the family. We recommend that the person or persons that are delivering the tributes write them out beforehand and have their notes with them at the time they deliver them.

**Remembrance Video:** The family may choose to have a remembrance video played. Shepherd's Gate can help you produce the video or you may produce your own. Pastor will inform you of the process and guidelines when he meets with you to plan the funeral.

**Scripture Readings:** Two or three scripture passages may be read. When choosing Scripture verses you may want to include the confirmation verse of the departed, his or her favorite verse(s) or a passage that is a source of peace and hope for you and your family. (See Scripture Suggestion List for some possible passages.)

**Song:** A song may be sung. A song may also be played if there is no live music. (See Music Suggestion List.)

**Message:** Pastor will give a Christ-Centered message. He will discuss this with you at the funeral planning meeting.

**Song:** A song may be sung. A song may also be played if there is no live music. (See Music Suggestion List.)

#### Prayer/Lord's Prayer

**Committal:** Pastor may speak words of committal if there is to be no gathering at the cemetery. This is optional. If there is to be a gathering at a cemetery, the committal is spoken there.

Benediction: A closing blessing is given.

**Military Honors:** Military Honors are rendered at the time of interment. If circumstances dictate that they be rendered at the church it would be at this time.

**Recessional:** A song is sung or played as the casket and the family leave the worship center. (See Music Suggestion List.)

### ORDER OF MEMORIAL SERVICE - SAMPLE

The officiating pastor will guide you through the planning of the service when he meets with you. The following sample order of service is intended to help assist in that planning. The memorial service is intended for the those who have departed this life in the Christian faith. As such, the service is a celebration of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. Civil ceremonies and or military honors are not part of the service itself and are therefore conducted either before or after the service of the Church. It is the family's responsibility to provide service bulletins if you desire to have them.

#### SAMPLE ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Opening Prayer/Invocation

Remembrance of Baptism: The remembrance of Baptism may be read by the Pastor.

In Holy Baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_ was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all of his/her sin.

St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." – Romans 6:3-15

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#### Remembrance Video:

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**Scripture Readings:** Two or three scripture passages may be read. When choosing Scripture verses you may want to include the confirmation verse of the departed, his or her favorite verse(s) or a passage that is a source of peace and hope for you and your family. See Scripture Help List for some possible passages.

**Song:** A song may be sung. A song may also be played if there is no live music. (See Music Suggestion List.)

#### Message:

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#### Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Benediction: A closing blessing is given.

#### **Closing Song:**

A song is sung or played as the casket and the family leave the worship center. (See Music Suggestion List.)

### MUSIC SUGGESTION LIST

Music is an important element to any funeral or memorial service. Music has the ability to comfort us at the most difficult time of our lives. You may request live music if the service is being held at Shepherd's Gate. You may also choose to use recorded music if you so desire.

The following list of hymns and contemporary songs is provided to assist you in choosing music for the funeral or memorial service. This list is not a complete list of the many songs and hymns that could be included in a funeral or memorial service. If a song or hymn that you would like is not listed, you may ask the officiating pastor if it can be included. Please remember that the funeral you are planning is a Christ-centered service that celebrates our salvation through Jesus, and as such not every song, such as show tunes and secular songs, is appropriate for that setting.

#### **CONTEMPORARY SONGS**

Give Me Jesus by Jeremy Camp

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Chris Tomlin

10,000 Reasons by Matt Redman

Heaven Song by Phil Wickham

I Can Only Imagine by Mercy Me

Untitled Hymn by Chris Rice

Because He Lives by Bill and Gloria Gaither

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

His Eye is on the Sparrow

All the Way My Savior Leads Me by Chris Tomlin

In Christ Alone

On Eagles Wings

Till we Meet Again

At the Foot Of the Cross (Ashes To Beauty)

One Thing Remains by Jesus Culture

Broken Vessels by Hillsong

Reckless Love by Cory Asbury

#### **HYMNS**

Amazing Grace

How Great Thou Art

It Is Well with My Soul

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

In the Garden

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Beautiful Savior

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

### SCRIPTURE SUGGESTION LIST

The following list of Scripture passages is provided for you to assist you in choosing Scripture readings for the funeral service or memorial service. Please inform the officiating pastor of any passages you want included that may not be listed. When choosing Scripture verses you may want to include the confirmation verse of the departed, his or her favorite verse(s) or a passage that is a source of peace and hope for you and your family. All Scripture listed are English Standard Version (ESV)

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

#### Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 Surely[d] goodness and mercy[e] shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell[f] in the house of the Lord forever.

#### Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

#### Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! 2 O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! 3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. 5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; 6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. 8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

#### Psalm 25:1-9, 16-21

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. 3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. 5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. 6 Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. 7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! 8 Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me. 20 Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

#### Job 19:23-27

"Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! 24 Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! 25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. 26 And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in[b] my flesh I shall see God, 27 whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

#### Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. 30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; 31 but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

#### Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

#### Matthew 25:21-23

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

#### John 10:10-15, 27-30

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 I and the Father are one."

#### John 11:20-27

So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. 21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.[a] Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet

#### John 11:20-27 continued

shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

#### John 14:1-6

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

#### Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Romans 8:28-39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom

#### Romans 8:28-39 continued

he justified also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Philippians 1:21-23

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

#### 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

#### Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saving, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

#### Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

### FACILITY USE / COST SHEET

#### FACILITY USE - DAY OF THE SERVICE

When you have a funeral service at Shepherd's Gate (or funeral home of your choice), we allow you to also utilize our facility based on availability.

We will accommodate you if you choose to have a time of visitation on the day of the service. Most often families choose to have visitation for one hour prior to the service. Shepherd's Gate staff will ensure that the room is clean and set up for you. We have several easels available for you if you would like to set up picture boards.

The staff of Shepherd's Gate will set up the Worship Center for you and ensure that it is ready for the service.

Shepherd's Gate offers a luncheon in our Gymnasium. Our staff will set up the Gym for you and we have a team of volunteers that will prepare and serve the food. For that reason, we need to know as soon as possible if you desire to have a luncheon at Shepherd's Gate, and an estimate of attendance, so that we may check on availability of the volunteers.

#### **COST INFO SHEET**

PEOPLE	DESCRIPTION	COST
Sound Tech (required if at Shepherd's Gate)	This individual is required to manage the sound system.  Make check payable to:	\$75
Livestream Tech	This individual prepares software and hardware for streaming, activates the stream, and controls cameras, videos and slides for live presentations.  Make check payable to:	\$75
Computer Tech (required if at Shepherd's Gate)	This individual manages the computer screens/slides for the service. \$50 management + \$50 for the video (50-60 pictures). Make check payable to:	\$50/\$100
Guitar Player & Singer (optional)	One of our musicians and singers are available at church or the funeral home if you would like to have live music for the funeral service. They are able to learn new songs and can cover a wide range of musical options.  Make check payable to:	\$75
Pastor (suggested gift)	The officiating pastor will meet with you to plan the details of the funeral. The pastor will write a customized funeral sermon that gives glory to God and also personalizes the message for the deceased family and friends.  Make check payable to:	\$200
Funeral Luncheon	Cost is \$6 x requested number of people.  Make check payable to Shepherd's Gate.	See description

Please Note: There is no charge for the use of Shepherd's Gate Church. All payments can made on or before the funeral date. You can turn the checks into the office. Thank you.



Name of deceased:		
Opening/Invocation (officiating pastor)		
Remembrance of Baptism:   Yes No		
Processional Song:		
Processional Scripture Reading (to be read by officiating pastor):		
Opening Prayer (pastor, family member, friend):		
Song:		
Family/Friends Tribute:		
1		
2		
3		
Remembrance Video:   Yes No		
Scripture Readings:		
1. Scripture	_ Read by	
2. Scripture	_ Read by	
3. Scripture	_ Read by	
Song:		
Message (officiating pastor)		
Song:		
Prayer (pastor, family, friend, member):		
Lord's Prayer: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Committal: ☐ Church ☐ Cemetery		
Benediction (officiating pastor)		
Military Honors: ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Recessional Song:		



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2. Scripture	_ Read by		
3. Scripture	_ Read by		
Song:			
Message (officiating pastor)			
Song:			
Prayer (pastor, family, friend, member):			
Lord's Prayer: ☐ Yes ☐ No			
Benediction (officiating pastor)			
Closing Song.			



### **GriefShare**

At some point in every person's life, challenges arise that overwhelm our ability to cope. The Care Program at Shepherd's Gate provides a safe and welcoming environment where people can find support and navigate the challenges of grief and loss. Having someone to care, to listen, and to share God's love during these times may not change the circumstance, but provides strength and support to get through it. There's no reason to walk down a painful road alone. Someone is waiting to walk alongside you.

Contact our Care Director at care@sgatechurch.org or call the office at 586.731.4544.