Planning a funeral What are the things you want to make sure are included? Are we using the ELW outline? Other sources? Will there be hymns sung? Soloists? Special music? What kind of instruments do we need? Are there particular readings or Bible passages? Will there be a casket, and urn, a photograph? Will we be traveling to a cemetery? Which one? Will there be a meal? How many people should we prepare for? (we can do things in any order: funeral, burial, meal or burial, funeral, meal, for example) Will you assemble picture boards? Do you need easels? Is there someone who will speak about the person's life? The casket is normally closed before the worship begins. Do we need pall bearers? An urn can also be processed in. A pall cloth covers the casket Will there be military events? In church or at the cemetery? Will there be communion? Will there be memorial gifts designated?