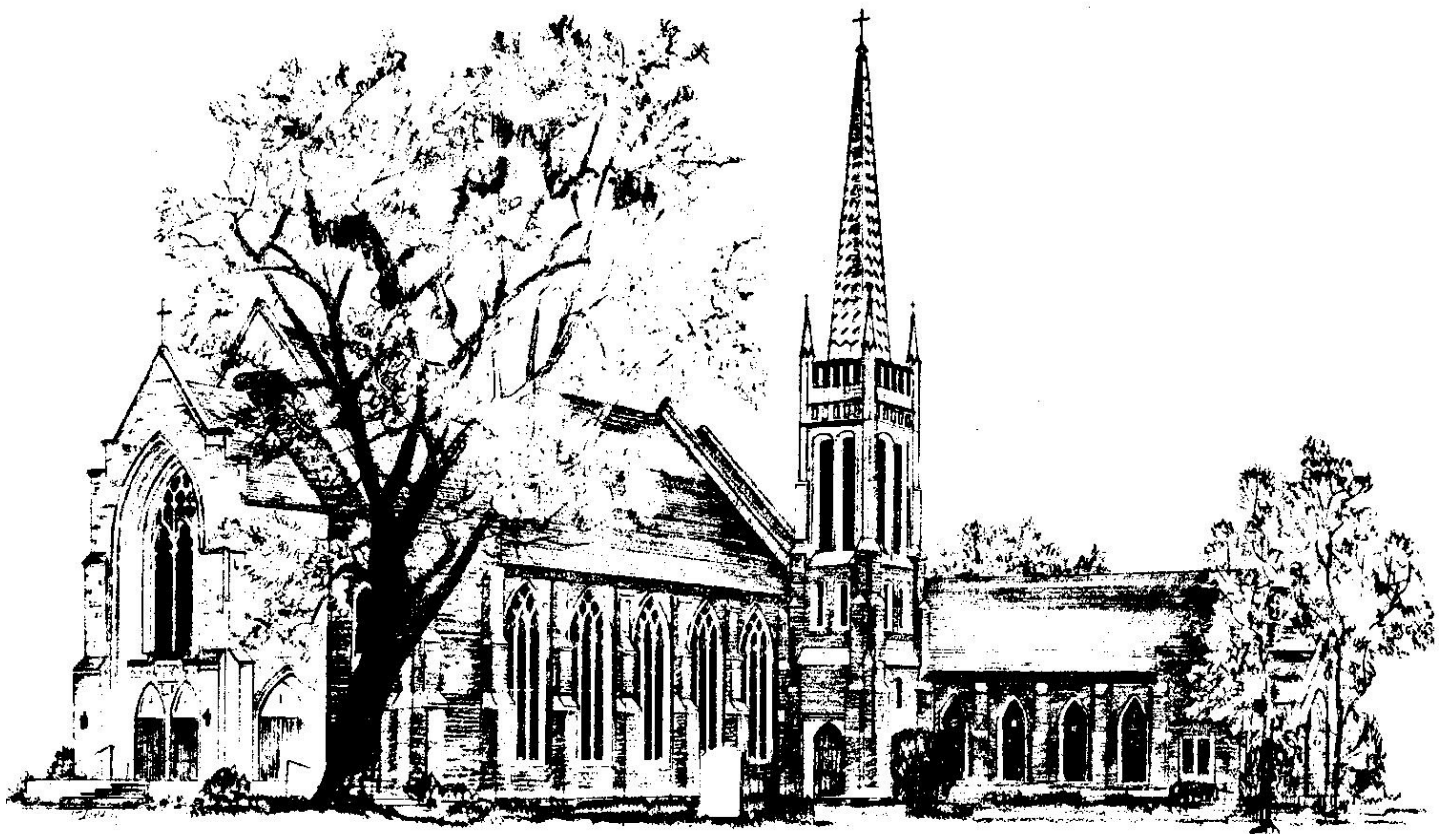


DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Carolyn Sims Brooks

February 8, 1934 ~ August 4, 2021

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

2:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2022

Sanctuary

and

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND WITNESS

of

Carolyn Sims Brooks

February 8, 1934 ~ August 4, 2021

ORGAN MEDITATION: *Chorale No. 68 from St. John Passion*

J. S. Bach

Matthew McMahan, *organist*

O Lord, Thy dear sweet angels send In my last hour my soul attend
To bear my soul to heaven. This body in its narrow room
So softly rests from pain and gloom And waits the day prepared it.
And then from death awaken me, That these poor eyes their Lord may see
In boundless joy Thy holy face My Savior and my throne of grace!
Lord Jesus Christ, O hear Thou me, I will Thee praise eternally.

PIANO PRELUDE

Dr. Tom Bryant

MEDITATIONS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

"If we live, we live to the LORD; and if we die, we die to the LORD; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the LORD's."

Romans 14:8

"The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?...I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage—wait for the LORD!" Psalm 27:1, 13-14

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

Pastor: Holy God, this is the day that you have made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved: he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The LORD is your keeper: the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

People: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil: he will keep your life.

People: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on, and forevermore.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

musical setting by Matthew McMahan

1. **All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!**
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. **Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening, find a voice! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
3. **Thou flowing water, pure and clear, Make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright, That givest man both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
4. **Thou fertile earth, that day by day Unfoldest blessings on our way, O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
5. **And everyone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
6. **All creatures, your Creator bless, And worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Eternal God, guardian of our lives: we confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life is a gift from you and that all life returns to you. Apart from your grace we have no hope. Forgive us for not living as your grateful people. Forgive us for not loving as Christ loved us. By the power of your Holy Spirit, set us free from our sins and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**HYMN 366*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Hyfrydol
musical setting by Ben Allaway*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 100, Psalm 23, Micah 6:8

ANTHEM

*How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place (from A German Requiem) Johannes Brahms
Chancel Choir*

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, and fainteth for the courts of the Lord; My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; They praise Thy name evermore!

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 8 (selected verses), I Corinthians 13, John 14:25-27

Dr. Speed

REFLECTIONS and EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Lamar, Dr. Speed

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith #10, 1-13, 78-90)*

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus God kept his promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God call us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy, and judgement beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggle. We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN RESPONSE Once in Royal David's City, (stanza 4)*

Irby

**And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**HYMN OF CELEBRATION 326*

For All the Saints

Sine Nomine

**PASTORAL CHARGE and BENEDICTION*

Dr. Speed

**MUSICAL RESPONSE Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata 79)*

J. S. Bach

arranged for brass sextet by Robert Coulter

**ORGAN POSTLUDE*

Toccata from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

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The family will receive friends at a reception in the Keith Parlor following the service

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Musicians

Tom Bryant, *piano*

Chancel Choir of Decatur Presbyterian Church

Matthew McMahan, *Choirmaster and Organist*

Ryan Moser, *trumpet*

Stephen Wilson, *trombone*

Paul Poovey, *trumpet*

Thomas Peacock, *trombone*

Kevin Lyons, *trumpet*

Robert Coulter, *bass trombone*

*God has told you, O mortal, what is good and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

Micah 6:8

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