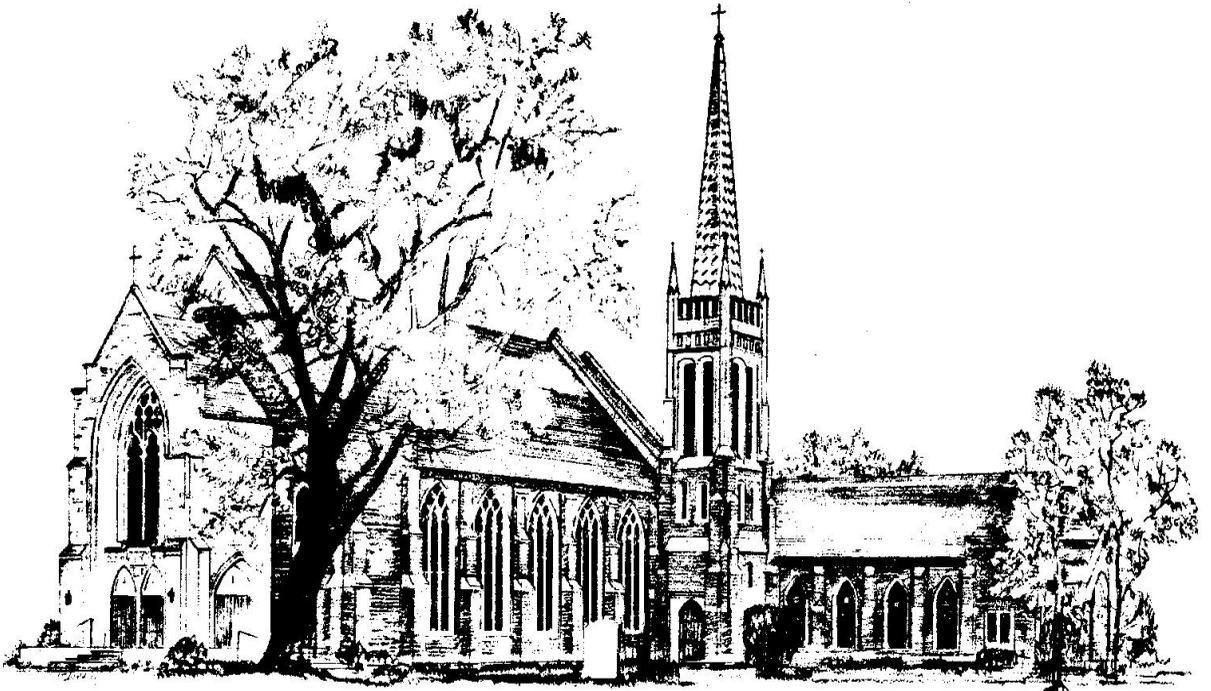


DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Charles A. “Shorty” Orth

June 14, 1947 ~ September 12, 2022

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

3:00 p.m., Sunday, September 18, 2022

Sanctuary

and

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND WITNESS

of

Charles A. “Shorty” Orth

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Please wear a mask if you are experiencing any symptoms.

PRELUDE

Appalachian Spring: I Danced in the Morning
Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring
I Come to the Garden Alone

Matthew McMahan, *organist*

Aaron Copland

J. S. Bach

C. Austin Miles

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!” *Psalms 27:1, 13-14*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Rev. Dr. Todd Speed

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)*

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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Katie Orth

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Psalm 131

Proverbs 3

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Romans 8

I Corinthians 13

Dr. Speed

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

Hart Cobb, Dr. Speed

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*PASTORAL CHARGE and BENECTION

Dr. Speed

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE*

A Clare Benediction

John Rutter

Allison Melton, *mezzo-soprano*

May the Lord show his mercy upon you; May the light of his presence be your guide. May he guard you and uphold you; May his spirit be ever by your side. When you sleep, may his angels watch over you; When you wake, may he fill you with his grace: May you love him and serve him all your days, Then in heaven may you see his face.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY*

The Strife is O'er

Healey Willan

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

To Those I Love
by Isla Paschal Richardson

If I should ever leave you whom I love
To go along the Silent Way, grieve not,
Nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk
Of me as if I were beside you there,
(I'd come... I'd come, could I but find a way!
But would not tears and grief be barriers?)
And when you hear a song or see a bird I loved,
Please do not let the thought of me be sad...
For I am loving you just as I always have...
You were so good to me!
There are so many things I wanted still to do...
So many things to say to you...
Remember that I did not fear...
It was just leaving you that was so hard to face...
We cannot see Beyond... But this I know;
I loved you so...
'Twas heaven here with you!

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We accept death as a part of the good life we are given. We are reluctant to surrender life, but we know in the end that earthly death comes to each of us. But death is no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. But we do not yet see the end of death. Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same person, and in his resurrection is the promise of ours.

We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of life everlasting exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death, we grieve, yet no life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thus, in hope, we celebrate life.

From A Declaration of Faith, PC(USA)

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*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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