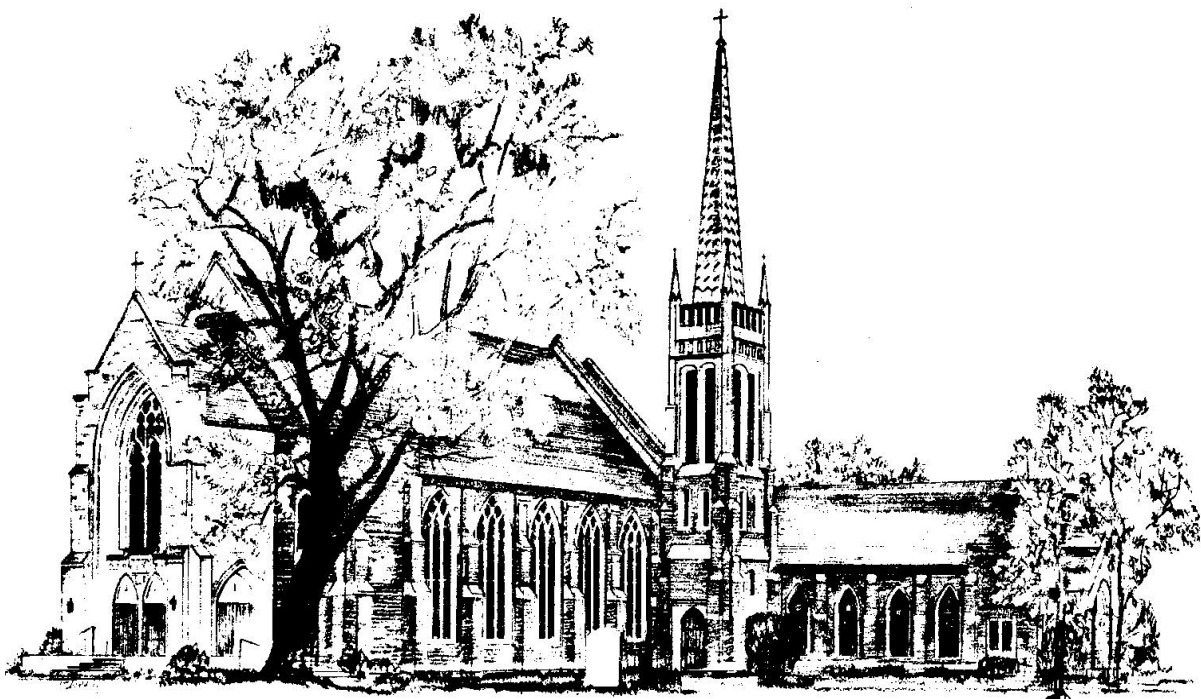


DECATUR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Margaret “Margey” Hersh Newsome

April 30, 1939 ~ April 29, 2023

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Sanctuary

and

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE AND WITNESS
of

Margaret “Margey” Hersh Newsome

April 30, 1939 ~ April 29, 2023

PRELUDE

Jupiter Theme

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Matthew McMahan, *organist*

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)*

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: The LORD will not let your foot be moved: the One who keeps you will not slumber.

People: The LORD 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: God will keep your life.

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

*HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*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

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Isaiah 40:27-31

Psalms 23

Rev. Tom McPhail

Austin Newsome

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

I Corinthians 13:1-13

John 14 (selected verses)

Margaret Peterson

Dr. Speed

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

Cynthia Peterson, Dr. Speed

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Tom McPhail

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 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Assurance

*PASTORAL CHARGE and BENECTION

Dr. Speed

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Suzanne Toolan

I Am the Resurrection

“I am the resurrection, I am the life: They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live forever. *(Refrain)*: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.” *(Repeat refrain)*

***ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

The Strife is O'er
Matthew McMahan, *organist*

Healey Willan

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

Margaret “Margey” Hersh Newsome passed away as peacefully as she lived her life on April 29, 2023, the day before her 84th birthday. She was Grammy, the family travel manager, the CFO, and Dr. Mom. Margaret was born to H. Gordon and Mabel L. Hersh on April 30, 1939, in Pontiac, Michigan. She spent her early years in St. Louis, Missouri before moving to Decatur, Georgia.

Margey graduated from Decatur high school in 1957 and married Jim, or as she called him, Jimmy Newsome on September 6, 1958. She was the heart and soul of her family, raising three children, and making sure they made it to all appointments, school activities, and sports practices while Jim worked developing his business. She was always so kind, gentle and sweet, even with the effects of Alzheimer’s.

She was a member of the Crusaders Sunday school class at Decatur Presbyterian Church for over 50 years; the DeKalb Junior League and the Decatur Cotillion. Margaret was on the first ALTA tennis team at Druid Hills Golf Club in the early 70's and served as captain many years. She loved the friendships and competition that tennis gave her and played well into her 70s, even making it to the city finals at age 70.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 64 years, Jim Newsome, who lovingly cared for her; sons, Dan (Natasha) Newsome and Ken (Cindy) Newsome and daughter Cynthia (Bob) Peterson. She was blessed with eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brother David L. Hersh, and great granddaughter, Elizabeth Peterson.

Contributions may be given to Decatur Presbyterian Church or the Georgia chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.

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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