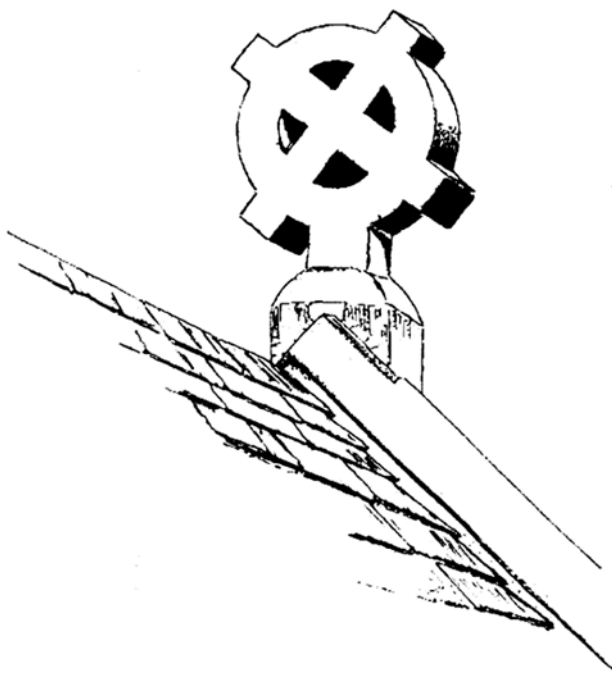


First Presbyterian Church

393 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Four o'clock in the Afternoon



*I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.*

– John 11:25-26

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
Celebrating the Life of
Matthew James McLeskey
November 17, 2005 – March 6, 2023

† ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alan F. Dyer

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 112
Isaiah 41:5-10

SOLO

Be Thou My Vision

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Rev. John Daniel DeBevoise

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Eliza Smith DeBevoise

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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

Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)

*¹Be still my soul, the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide.
In ev'ry change, He faithful will remain.
Be still my soul, thy best, thy heav'nly friend.
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

Chorus:

*In You I rest, In You I found my hope.
In You I trust. You never let me go.
I place my life within Your hands alone.
Be still my soul. (Be still my soul, be still my soul)*

*²Be still my soul, thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence, let nothing shake.
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.*

Chorus

*³Be still my soul, the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone.
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul, when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed, we shall meet at last.*

Chorus

† PRAYER OF COMMENDATION (unison)

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Matthew.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.**

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† RECESSIONAL

† *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*The family is grateful for your prayers and support. There will be no visitation,
but the family welcomes pre-arranged visits in their respective homes.*

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