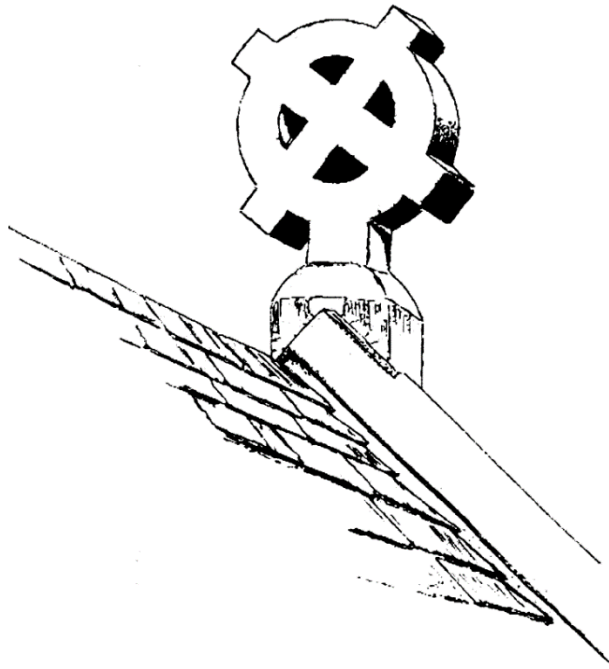


First Presbyterian Church
393 East Main Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

Sunday, December 12, 2021

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
Mary Milling Lorick Thompson
December 27, 1921 - December 6, 2021

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY *The First Nowell*

*The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.*

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.
(Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 25)

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Good and upright is the Lord;

He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

**All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 103:1-5

Psalm 23

Proverbs 31 (selected verses)

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

Mary Lorick Thompson
Martha Thompson Bean

SOLO

Let it Be

Lennon/McCartney

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Philippians 2:5-13

Ephesians 5:1-2

Galatians 5:22-25

Rev. L. Craig Foster

MEDITATION

Rev. Joanne R. Hull

ANTHEM

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Jeffrey Honore

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Rev. Laura E. Palmer

† HYMN 730

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

GRAND ISLE

† PRAYER OF COMMENDATION (unison)

**Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Mary.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold,
a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming.
Receive her 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 BLESSING

† RECESSIONAL

Hallelujah Chorus

George Frideric Handel

† *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*The family is grateful for your prayers and support and invites you to greet them
in the Perrin Room immediately following the service.*

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE

Dr. Lewis F. Galloway
Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Joanne Hull
*Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
and Deacons*

Rev. L. Craig Foster
*Associate Pastor for Discipleship and
Communications*

Lt. Commander Laura E. Palmer
Chaplain, United States Navy

MUSICIANS

The Chancel Choir

Rafe Andrews
soloist

Marcia Andrews
organist

MEMORIALS

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