



ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

Service of Witness to the Resurrection
for

Edith Elizabeth Bedell

December 29, 1915 - March 18, 2019

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God

for the Life of

EDITH ELIZABETH BEDELL

December 29, 1915 – March 18, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. | March 22, 2019

**Please stand if you are able.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of Edith Elizabeth Bedell.

We come together in grief, acknowledging our loss.

May God grant us grace that in pain – we may find comfort, in sorrow – hope, and in death – resurrection.

Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restores our life.

Edith, being created in the image of God, remains God's child forever.

Let us worship God!

***HYMN**

Faith of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy whene'er we hear that glorious word:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, God's great power shall win all nations unto thee;

And through the truth that comes from God

mankind shall then indeed be free:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers, we will love both friend and foe in all our strife,

And preach thee, too, as love knows how

by kindly words and virtuous life:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to thee till death!

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask. Show us now your grace, that as we face the mystery of death we may see the light of serenity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. When our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever...

Silent Prayers May be Offered

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

REMEMBRANCES

SPECIAL MUSIC

Liebster Jesu, Wir Sind Hier
J.S. Bach

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

King James Version

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

Pew Bible, NT, 108

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

Pew Bible, NT, 175

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Let us commend our loved one to the mercy and love of God, our Maker and Redeemer. Let us pray:

Gracious God, by your power you gave us life, and in your love, you are giving us new life in Jesus Christ. We entrust Edith to your safe keeping, in the faith of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who died and rose again to save us, and to bring us all to a joyful resurrection and the glory of your eternal kingdom.

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it is was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Now may the God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be and abide with you always. Amen.

Leading Worship

Julie Odle, CRE, Associate for Pastoral Care
Jerome Wells, Organist

Edith Elizabeth Bedell, 103, of Beaumont, died Monday, March 18, 2019, at Calder Woods, Beaumont. Edith had lived in Beaumont since 1940, when she and her husband, the late William S. Bedell, relocated here from their native Pennsylvania for his job with Pure Oil Company, and thus began their life as Texans.

Edith embraced her life in Beaumont, quickly becoming engaged with a variety of social and charitable organizations. During World War II, she worked for the Red Cross. She joined The Book Club in 1941 and remained an active member of that group for nearly 60 years, meeting weekly to discuss books, travel and other programs presented by the members.

As a charter member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Edith focused considerable energy on the formation of the new church. She provided her leadership to many committees and other aspects of church life over the years, including the Women of the Church, the Building Committee, the Organ Committee, and the Memorial Committee. As women began to play a more central role in church leadership, she became a Deacon and an Elder in the church.

Edith was a lifelong learner, as evidenced by her love of reading and travel. She had visited 45 states, Canada, and the UK, and maintained an almost encyclopedic memory of places she had been. Her keen aesthetic sense was manifested in her tasteful and meticulously maintained home. She will be remembered as a loyal and steadfast friend, and for her enduring kindness and positive thinking.

Edith is survived by her daughter, Betsy Bedell, and son-in-law, Jeffrey Nellhaus, of Washington, DC. The family extends appreciation to Pamela Coleman, Shirley Edmonson, and Helen Jones of Earth Angels, and the Skilled Nursing staff at Calder Woods, for their compassionate caregiving.

Memorial Contributions

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*A family graveside service was held at
Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Beaumont.*



Please sign Mrs. Bedell's guest book and share your memories at
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