



*Service of Witness to the Resurrection
For*

*Stewart Montgomery Chisum
April 4, 1947 - December 27, 2019*

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God
for the Life of

STEWART MONTGOMERY CHISUM

April 4, 1947 – December 27, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. | January 2, 2020

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith,
and to give thanks for the life of Stewart Montgomery Chisum.
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.
Stewart, being created in the image of God remains God's child forever.
Let us worship God!

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.

**O come, all ye faithful joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Becky Yoes

Jim Stokes

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Garden

Valera Messer, Violinist

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, ...

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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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

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

**Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, and wonders of his love.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

Gracious God, by your power you gave us life, and in your love, you are giving us new life in Jesus Christ. We entrust Stewart 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.

*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, Pastoral Associate

Paula Nichols, Pianist

Stewart Montgomery Chisum, 72, of Beaumont, Texas, died Friday, December 27, 2019, at Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas, Beaumont. He was born on April 4, 1947, in Winnsboro, Louisiana, to Marjorie Montgomery and Aubrey Ballard (Buddy) Chisum, Sr. Stewart was a United States Army veteran serving as an officer in late 1960's. He graduated from Sicily Island High School and Louisiana State University. A 43-year resident of Beaumont, he was the owner of R. O. Williams Insurance & Company.

He is survived by his wife of forty-six years, Bessie Leona Fisher Chisum, of Beaumont; sister, Blair Chisum Erwin and her husband, Steve, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; nephew, John Ballard Chisum and his wife, Kellie; great-nephew, John Aubrey Chisum; and great-niece, Chloe Chisum, all of Sicily Island, Louisiana; and cousin, Martha Chisum Stringfield, of Baton Rouge.

Stewart is preceded in death by his parents; older brother Aubrey Ballard Chisum, Jr. and his wife Susan Bain Chisum; his paternal grandparents Nellie and Edward Walling Chisum; his maternal grandparents Annie Blair and Charles Stewart Montgomery; his great-grandparents Catherine (Kate) Smith and Thomas (Tom) Jefferson Chisum, all of Sicily Island, TJ Chisum settled in Sicily Island coming from Thornton, Texas (Limestone County) in 1869.

Professionally, Stewart was associated in the insurance industry as a Manager for T. E. Moor and Company until he joined R. O. Williams as an agent in the late 1980's in Beaumont. Stewart subsequently purchased the agency until his retirement and sale of the agency in 2015.

Personally, Stewart enjoyed a variety of hobbies, including sailing on his catamaran; maintaining his 1968 Corvette hard-top, peacock blue convertible; snow skiing in Colorado; water skiing on Bayou Louie in Louisiana; hunting; tending his rose garden in his home yard in Beaumont; spoiling his Duchess Calico kitty who is very well fed and manicured; and, tall ships sailing off the Maine Coast. Last but not least, Geaux Bengal Tigahs, as a lifelong LSU football fan.

Stewart was an active community volunteer and servant leader. For many years, he served as a Deacon and Elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. As a couple, Stewart and Bessie were team sponsors of the St. Andy's Senior High Youth Group and, later, Sunday School team teachers to the Senior High School students. As an advocate for economic development and sustainability for Southeast Texas, he was active member of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He is an alumnus of Leadership Beaumont and Leadership Southeast Texas. A former member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Stewart is a Paul Harris Fellow. A 50-year Mason, he has maintained his membership in the Keystone Lodge in Sicily Island. Stewart is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega (ATO) Fraternity.

Interment

Highland Park Cemetery
Sicily Island, Louisiana

Masonic Rites

Keystone Lodge

Memorial Contributions

First United Methodist Church
506 Newman Street
Sicily Island, Louisiana 71368

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Beaumont, Texas 77706

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