



ST. ANDREW'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

*Service of Witness to the Resurrection  
for*

*Lillias Boudion Ebner*

*March 14, 1923 - April 4, 2019*

***A SERVICE OF WORSHIP***

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God  
for the Life of

***LILLIAS BOUDION EBNER***

March 14, 1923 – April 4, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

12:00 p.m. | April 9, 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 Lillias Boudion Ebner  
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.  
Lil, being created in the image of God remains God's child forever.  
Let us worship God!

**\*HYMN**

*God Will Take Care of You*

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;  
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;  
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
When dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you.

Refrain

All you may need He will provide, God will take care of you;  
Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you.

Refrain

No matter what will be the test, God will take care of you;  
Lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

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

*On Eagle's Wings*  
Peggy Graham, Soloist

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40: 28-31 NRSV

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

PSALM READING

Psalms 121 NRSV

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5:1-11 NRSV

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access

to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the

glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,

knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces

character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy

Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the

right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for

a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might

actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still

were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we

have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the

wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God

through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled,

will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received

reconciliation.

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 840                      *When Peace Like a River*

\*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 Lil 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**

Rev. Dr. Emmett Powers, Senior Pastor

Julie Odle, CRE, Associate for Pastoral Care

Paula Nichols, Accompanist



Lillias Boudion Ebner, 96, of Beaumont, died on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Harbor Hospice, Beaumont, surrounded by family, friends, and caregivers.

Born in Abbeville, LA to Leonce and Philomene Boudion, Lil (as she was known to so many) spent her childhood in Kaplan, LA.

She graduated from Hotel Dieu School of Nursing in Beaumont as a Registered Nurse in 1942. Later that year she married Adolph “Eb” Ebner, Jr. Lil served as Staff Nurse for Mobil Oil Corporation in Beaumont. She was also a member of the St. Elizabeth Volunteers.

Together with her husband of 58 years, Lil and Eb established Ebner Rice and Cattle Company, a 1500-acre rice farm north of Orange. In later years, they ran a successful saw mill, Ebner Tie & Wood, in Devers. When they were not raising crops or sawing wood, the Ebners went traveling the world.

Lil was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church, Orange, and later, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Beaumont. Lil was a life-long learner and a keen observer of life around her. She was an active member of The Grace and Men's Sunday School class, the Monday Morning Bible Study class, and the TAG Group. As a member of Presbyterian Women, Lil served for years as one who thrived on visits with the homebound and hospitalized. She wrote cards and letters, delivered flowers, and supported the monthly Communion ministry at Calder Woods. She enjoyed the weekly gathering of women and men who assembled and addressed the church newsletter, and also the lunchtime meal afterwards.

Her faithful nature was evident in her love for God and for her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren called her Nannie, and she glowed in their company. Lil was a natural caregiver and a generous friend. Her kindness, wit, and sense of good humor was legendary among her friends.

Lil enjoyed growing roses, exercising through water aerobics and daily walks, gathering with friends, speaking French, and especially dancing to the music of the Big Band era. She kept her promises, fulfilled her commitments, and accepted folks for who they were. Generous was she in giving, and humble was her soul.

Lil Ebner is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Eb, her sister, Laura Broussard, and great-granddaughter, Adalyn Thibodeaux. She is survived by her three sons, Reggie (Gail) Ebner of Aiken, SC, Rudy Ebner of Mauriceville, and Bennett (Kay) Ebner of Rye; her grandson, Quentin (Kimberly) Ebner; her granddaughters, Erin (Brandon) Thibodeaux, Lorna Ebner, Leah Ebner, and Lyndsey Ebner; five great-grandchildren, Katelyn, Jacob, and Cooper Ebner, and Aubrey and Grayson Thibodeaux; as well as many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

The family sincerely appreciates all the love and support shown by the staff and congregation of St. Andrew's church during Lil's many years as an SAPC member.

The family also extends heart-felt appreciation to those who have served as Lil's caregivers over the past two years: Nelda Ledezma, Dana Allen, Tina Bobo, Kajasmine Copeland, Carolyn DeRouen, Janie Gifford, Murlon Haynes, Anne Ochoa, and staff at Synergy HomeCare.

**Graveside Service**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 10:30 a.m.  
Magnolia Cemetery  
2291 Pine Street  
Beaumont, Texas

**Memorial Contributions**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
1350 North 23rd Street  
Beaumont, Texas 77706

*There will be a gathering of family and friends to  
follow the service in the Parlor.*



Please sign Mrs. Ebner's guest book and share your memories at  
[www.broussards1889.com](http://www.broussards1889.com)