



ST. ANDREW'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BEAUMONT, TEXAS

*Service of Witness to the Resurrection
for*

*Elizabeth Graham
McNicholas*

August 16th, 1952 – April 28th, 2018

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, “ My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”

Psalm 91: 1-2

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP

IN WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

With Praise and Thanks to Almighty God

for the Life of

ELIZABETH GRAHAM MCNICHOLAS

August 16th, 1952 – April 28th, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 AM | May 2nd, 2018

**Please stand if you are able.*

*HYMN No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Reginald Heber

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are gathered here to praise God, to witness to our faith, and to give thanks for the life of our sister Elizabeth “Graham” McNicholas.

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.

In baptism, Graham was sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever.

*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.

*HYMN No. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Martin Luther

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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

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.**

PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Psalm 121

The Word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God!

READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 91

selected verses

MESSAGE

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 No. 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
Issac Watts

*COMMENDATION

O God, in the beginning you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us the breath of life. So also, in the last days, you have promised to raise us from the dust, so we might assume a new body at the coming of your Son. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive. We thank you for this hope, that Graham McNicholas who has died, will be raised to life imperishable. Look down upon us with tender pity and compassion, grant each of us the comfort of your Spirit. Renew within us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Now may the God of peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, 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.

Elizabeth Graham McNicholas passed away on April 28, 2018. She is survived by her daughters Alexandra McNicholas Bernier and Kirksey McNicholas Reynolds, their husbands, Benjamin Joseph Bernier and Stephen Mercer Reynolds, and four grandchildren, Stephen Mercer Reynolds, Jr., Jeanne Elizabeth Hollingshead, Bridget Reddington Reynolds, and James Fletcher Reynolds. She is preceded in death by her father, the Honorable James D. McNicholas, her mother, Jeanne Graham McNicholas, and her brother, James D. McNicholas, Jr.

Graham was born in Beaumont, Texas, on August 16, 1952. She was a graduate of The Hockaday School in Dallas, Texas, where she was honored with the Boarder's pin in 1970, the highest individual award given by the resident department. She also graduated from the University of Oklahoma, earning a bachelor of arts degree. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and continued to be an active alumnae for much of her life.

Graham devoted herself to many charitable and civic organizations. She was an active member of the Junior League of Beaumont as well as the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. She was also a member and officer of the Magnolia Garden Club, following in the footsteps of her mother Jeanne and her great-grandmother, Mrs. William F. Graham, who was a charter member. Graham was also a member of the Buckner Auxiliary Board for Buckner Children and Family Services in Beaumont. She was a lifelong member of St. Andrew's Presbteryian Church, where she carried on her mother's annual tradition of covering the cross hanging above the sanctuary with lilies in celebration of Easter.

Above all else, Graham's greatest devotion was to her family, caring for both of her parents and sharing a special bond with them as well as her brother Jim. Her daughters Alex and Kirksey, as well as her precious grandchildren, were the lights of her life.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of Harbor Hospice, Dr. Robert Birdwell, and Rhonda Gobert.

Prayer 607

*“God of the living, in whose eyes
Unveiled thy whole creation lies,
All souls are thine; we must not say
That those are dead who pass away;
From this our world of flesh set free,
We know them living unto thee.
Released from earthly toil and strife,
With thee is hidden still their life;
Thine are their thoughts, their works, their powers,
All thine, and yet most truly ours;
For well we know where’er they be,
Our dead are living unto thee.”*

*Scottish Prayer for Funeral Services, from the Church of
Scotland’s Psalms of David in Metre, by John Ellerton, 1826-1893.*

Leading Worship

Reverend Dr. Emmett Powers, Senior Pastor

Julie Odle, Pastoral Care

Paula Nichols, Organist

Pallbearers

Dr. Robert Birdwell

Judge Keith F. Giblin

Joe Gregory

Perry Gregory

Kit Herrington

Pat McGown

Eric Meadows

Mike Smith

Interment

Magnolia Cemetery

Beaumont, Texas

“Family and friends are hosting a reception at Graham’s home, 108 West Caldwold Drive, Beaumont, Texas, 77707, following the burial service at Magnolia Cemetery. Anyone who is able is welcome to join for a time of remembrance and fellowship.”

Memorial Contributions

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

1350 North 23rd Street

Beaumont, Texas 77706

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Buckner Children and Family Services

9055 Manion Drive

Beaumont, Texas 77706



Please sign Mrs. McNicholas’ guestbook and share your memories at
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