

THE ORDER of WORSHIP

Thursday, 31 December, Anno Domini 2020 Three o'clock in the afternoon | Sanctuary

✠ denotes the People standing, in body or spirit, as able.

The People's responses are printed in **bold**.

Please silence all electronic devices and enter in reverent prayer.



SILENT PRAYER of PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Almighty and Everlasting God our Father, who by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that Your servant, Ned, being raised with Him, may know the strength of His Presence, and rejoice in His eternal glory. Grant this we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN: NO. 720

WACHET AUF

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

✠ GREETING (responsively)

We have gathered to remember the life of Ned Storey.

We give thanks for his life,

and we commend his spirit into God's eternal care.

Let us recall all the saints who have found their peace in which Ned now rests.

(a brief moment of silence follows for reflection)

Now let us rejoice in God's presence with us, in death as in life, among those who mourn and with those who now see God face to face.

Our lips will shout for joy, for God's love is over all that

He has made. Blessed be His glorious Name forever!

✠ PRAYER (in unison)

O Jesus Christ our Risen Lord,

You have gone before us in death.

Grant us the assurance of Your presence,

that we who are anxious and fearful

in the face of death may confidently face the future,

in the knowledge that You have prepared a place

for all who love You.

Comfort us who mourn;

and give us grace,

in the presence of death, to worship You,

that we may have a sure hope of eternal life

and put our whole trust in Your goodness and mercy.

Amen.

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE

from John 11.25-26

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe

in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever

lives and believes in me shall never die."

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40, selected verses

PSALMODY (in unison)

Psalm 23 (AKJV)

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.

GRADUAL HYMN: NO. 378

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

arr. Paul Marino

✠ GOSPEL LESSON

John 14, selected verses

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

PASTORAL PRAYER concluding with 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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever. Amen.

✠ DISMISSAL with BLESSING

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN: NO. 711

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints



THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE CHANCEL are PRESENTED
to THE GREATER GLORY of GOD
in LOVING MEMORY of MR. NED STOREY.

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THOSE SERVING in WORSHIP

THE REVEREND DR. MARK CONFORTI

Senior Pastor

MR. JOSHUA W. STARNES

Director of Music & Organist

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

At the heart of the Christian faith is God's victory over death. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given the gift of life eternal. As Jesus' followers, we are convinced that we share in this victory over the grave. We affirm that at death, the Christian believer lives in the presence of God in an eternal home. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. So, death is not the end; rather, this is the new beginning of a fuller existence that will be completed in the resurrection of the body. This hope is based, not on our worthiness, but exclusively upon God's grace. The large white candle, called the "Paschal Candle," is lit symbolizing God's victory over death, for Ned's sake, and for all of us who gather today.

NED ALTON STOREY



On Tuesday, December 29th, Ned Alton Storey passed peacefully at the age of 83. Ned had been in declining health over the past several years, but strength of will and a team of talented physicians allowed him to attend his granddaughter's wedding this fall, and also celebrate his grandson finishing graduate school and getting his first job.

Ned was born in Norwood, NC to John and Mary Storey on October 30, 1937. The family moved to Salisbury when he was 3 years old. Ned was on the baseball and football teams at Boyden High School, graduating in 1956. He was President of the Student Association and voted Best All Around by his senior classmates. He was also a member of the baseball and soccer teams at Pfeiffer College, before transferring and graduating from Catawba College in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration. Ned was also a member of the 1955 American Legion World Series team.

Ned married Mary Shull Tarman in 1965. He always jokingly told his grandchildren that he met Shully after walking past the church at Wake Forest and hearing her singing, but they actually met on a blind date. They were blessed with one son - Ned Andrew Storey.

Ned was the first employee of Carolina Color Corporation and traveled throughout the U.S. helping to grow the business as head of Sales. Health issues forced retirement after 22 years.

Ned also led a life of example in service to both church and community. Early in his years of volunteer work Ned served as the General Chairman of the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association and helped coordinate the annual awards ceremony for many years. He was a long tenured member of First United Methodist Church of Salisbury and held multiple leadership positions at the Church. He also served on the Board of Directors for Habitat for Humanity and led the building campaigns of multiple Habitat homes sponsored by FUMC Salisbury. He was a Member of the first Board of Trustees of Hood Theological Seminary and was instrumental in leading the fundraising campaign that resulted in the Seminary establishing the move to its current campus. His dear friend Dr. Albert Aymer awarded Ned an Honorary Doctorate Degree in recognition of his contributions. Ned was also on the Board of Directors of Rowan Helping Ministries.

Ned was especially known for his quick wit and humor, and his passion for golf. He had three holes in one in his lifetime, and was an avid golfer until declining health forced him to enjoy golf through his hobby of collecting and trading golf clubs. He was a frequent visitor of the team at the Warrior Golf Club pro shop.

Ned is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary (Shully) Tarman Storey, his son Ned Andrew Storey and wife Diana Storey, his granddaughter Katelyn Storey Lee and husband Alex Lee, and grandson Spencer Andrew Storey. Ned is also survived by his brothers Ron (wife Frieda) Storey and Roger Storey.

The family acknowledges with great appreciation the many years of support received by Ned's very talented physicians, including Neil Patel, MD, Brian Fazia, MD, and Ned's life-long dear friends and neighbors Dr. Myron Goodman and Mary Goodman. Ned's ability to cheat death more than once over the past several years is a testament to not only his determination, but their expertise and skill.



A SERVICE *of* WITNESS *to* THE RESURRECTION
in THANKSGIVING *and* CELEBRATION
for THE LIFE *of*

Ned Alton Storey

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