

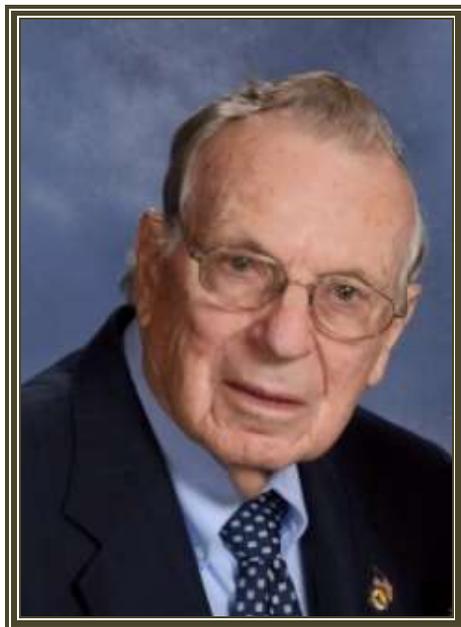
Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection
And Thanksgiving for the Life of

Albert A. Grimm

March 1, 1924 ~
July 26, 2017



Thursday, August 10, 2017
2:00 pm

The service of Death and Resurrection is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.

This service, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that the one we love has entered into a nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

The Order of Worship

✠ Congregation standing as able

~ We Gather Together As God's People ~

THE ORGAN MEDITATION.....Mr. Jason K. Evans, Organist

✠THE HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 625: "O Lord My God" HOW GREAT THOU ART

✠THE WORDS OF GRACE & GREETING (*Spoken in Unison*)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and giving life to those in the tomb. Dying, Christ destroyed our death. Rising, Christ restored our life. Christ will come again in glory. As in baptism I put on Christ, so in Christ may I be clothed with glory. Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children. What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see Christ as he is. Those who have this hope purify themselves as Christ is pure. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died and behold I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also."

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

LEADER: Let us pray.

✠THE INVOCATION

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant, I, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠THE HYMN NO. 157: "I Danced in the Morning"LORD OF THE DANCE

~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PSALM: Psalm 1 Mr. Mark Saulsbury, Son-in-law

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

THE SPECIAL MUSIC: "When the Saints Go Marching In"AMERICAN GOSPEL HYMN
The Rev. Elizabeth Tyson, Trumpet

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 13The Rev. Elizabeth Tyson

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 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 NAMING & WITNESSING

Mrs. Alison Lawhorne (*Granddaughter*)
Ms. Cara Wingate (*Granddaughter*)

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: “Kum Bah Yah” (*Come By Here*)arr. Hal Hopson/J. Evans
The Sanctuary Choir

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: I John 2: 15-18The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever. Children, it is the last hour! As you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. From this we know that it is the last hour.

LEADER: This Is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

~We Respond to the Word~

✠THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Spoken in Unison*)*A Declaration of Faith, Ch. 10.3*

In the death of Jesus Christ God’s way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God’s victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed, and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Spoken in Responsively)*

ONE: For Al, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and I am the Life." Lord, you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Al and dry the tears of those who weep.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit, give him fellowship with all your saints.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother, let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

THE SILENT PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

~ We Commend Our Brother to God ~

✠ THE COMMENDATION *(Spoken in Responsively)*

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Al, with your saints

ALL: Where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing but life everlasting.

ONE: You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us to dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

ALL: Give rest, O Christ to your servant, Al, with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Al Grimm. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

~ We Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~

✦THE BENEDICTION

✦THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 370: "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE Mr. Jason K. Evans, Organist

**All are invited to greet the family at a reception in Al's memory
in the fellowship hall immediately following the service.**

~ Obituary ~

Albert went to his heavenly home on July 26, 2017. He was born March 1, 1924 in Halethorpe, Maryland to the late George Henry Grimm and Clara Elizabeth Griffin. Along with his parents, Albert was predeceased by his five brothers Emil, George, Frank, James, and Edward, and his sister, Mary.

Albert is survived by his wife, Shirley of 65 years and three children; Susan Saulsbury and husband Mark, Alicia Wingate and husband Douglas, and William Grimm and wife Simin. He is also survived by three grandchildren; Alison Lawhorne and husband Jeremy, Jonathan Wingate, and Cara Wingate.

Albert was a proud World War II veteran, serving in the Navy aboard the USS Alabama. He was a plank owner, an original crew member, of the ship. He was a graduate of the University of Baltimore, a Boy Scout executive, a Housing Authority manager, and a medical administrator for the State of Maryland. Albert's service for others included scout leader, church elder, and social services volunteer. Albert was a dedicated Outer Banks Presbyterian Church member who served on numerous committees and operated the church sound system for many years.

Albert's motto was "My work is not my life. My life is my work." Most of all, God gave his family the best husband, father, and grandfather they could have. Friends and family will forever cherish his quick wit, adventurous nature, and loving spirit.

The Grimm family is ever so grateful to Dare County Home Health and Hospice for the loving care provided over the past year. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Dare County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 1000 Manteo, North Carolina 27954 or to the USS Alabama PO Box 65 Mobile, Alabama 36601.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection to celebrate Albert's life will be held at the Outer Banks Presbyterian Church in Kill Devil Hills, NC on Thursday August 10, 2017 at 2 pm.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.gallopfuneralservices.com. Gallop Funeral Services, Inc. was entrusted with arrangements.

During the fall of 2016, the Congregational Care Committee spear headed a project in which members and friends of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church were urged to share their military stories. The following is Al's contribution to the book, "Outer Banks Presbyterian Church: We Salute our Veterans". The book was presented during the morning worship service on Veteran's Day Weekend, Nov. 13, 2016.



Albert A. Grimm

US Navy

1942 – 1945

Fire Controlman Second Class



Albert Grimm served on the USS Alabama from 1943-1945. He was assigned to the Alabama in 1942, prior to its completion in Portsmouth. This makes Albert a plank owner, an original crewmember of the ship. His most memorable experience was being on the Fire Control Tower when the 20 mm guns began firing at a Japanese plane. The plane broke through the overcast clouds directly overhead at a very low altitude and was so close its insignia and gunner were easily identified by sight. Another experience Albert remembers well is his "breeches buoy" transfer. In July 1945, in sight of Mr. Fujiana off the coast of Japan, he was transferred at sea to an oil tanker headed to San Diego.

The USS Alabama now resides in Mobile, Alabama. Al and his wife Shirley have faithfully attended crewmen's reunions over the years, often accompanied by their children and grandchildren. Since he is one of the last of his division, he has been frequently interviewed and was invited to speak with sailors currently stationed in Pensacola, Florida. Al continues to consider the USS Alabama "home", and he never hesitates to share a sea story with friends and strangers alike.

*Taken from the November 13, 2016 book entitled,
"Outer Banks Presbyterian Church: We Salute our Veterans".*

Some of Al's Favorite Hymns

Lead on, O King Eternal
Amazing Grace
I Danced In the Morning
In the Garden
O Jesus, I Have Promised
Take My Life and Let It Be
How Great Thou Art
There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
More Love to Thee
This Is My Father's World
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
There Is a Balm in Gilead

Al's Motto

"My work is not my life.
My life is my work"

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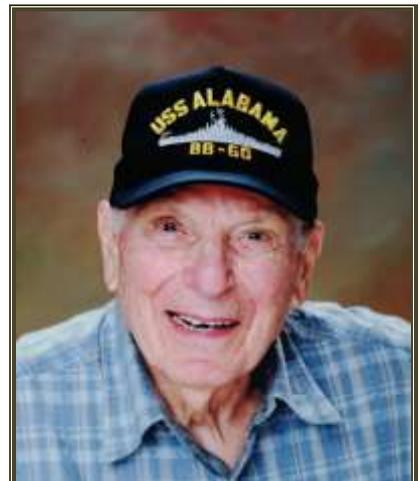
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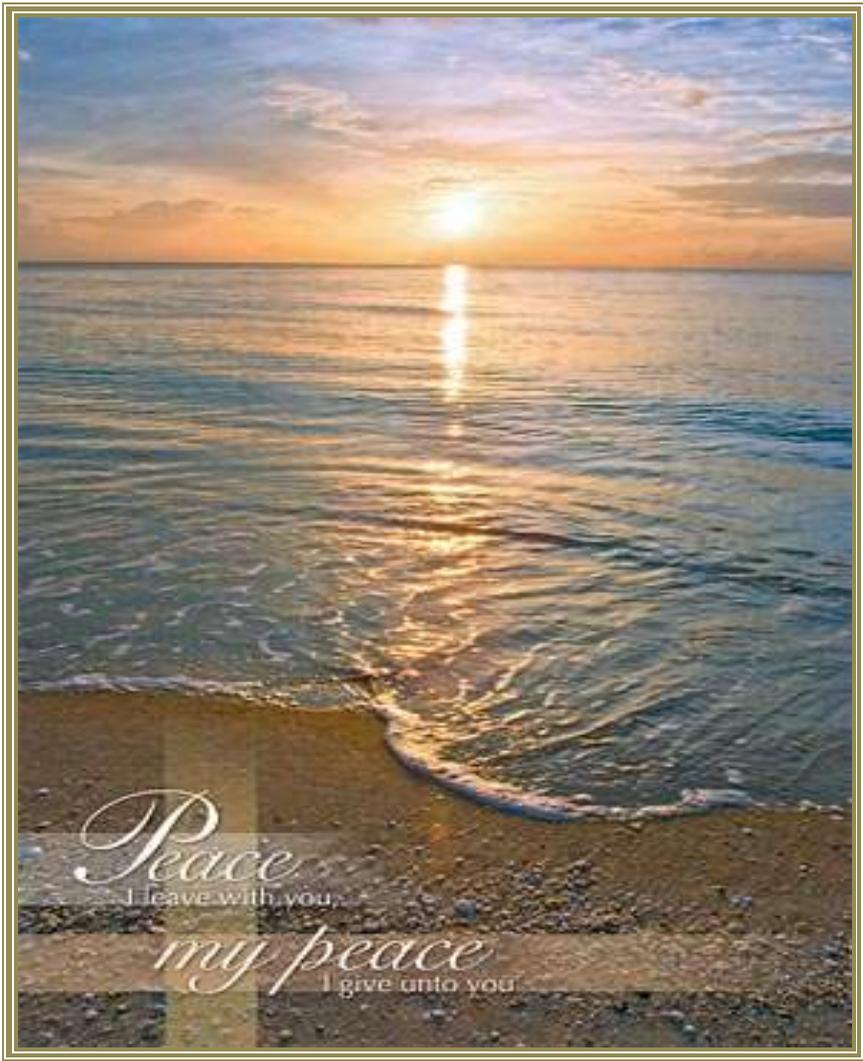


Al & Shirley Grimm (2015)



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