

# Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

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

Gregory "Greg" Wayne Browder

October 5, 1953 ~  
April 9, 2017



Thursday, April 13, 2017  
10:00 am

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 Service

✠ Congregation standing as able

## ~ We Gather Together As God's People ~

THE PRELUDE..... Jason Evans, Director of Music/Organist

✠THE HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 611: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” ..... HYMN TO JOY

✠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 Greg put on Christ, so in Christ may Greg 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, Greg, 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. 69: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"..... HERE I AM (Schutte)

## ~ The Word of the Lord ~

THE PSALM (*Spoken in Unison*) .....Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Revelation 21: 1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned

for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

## THE NAMING & WITNESSING

THE CHORAL ANTHEM: "You Raise Me Up" ..... Tom Fettke  
The Sanctuary Choir

THE GOSPEL LESSON ..... Luke 23:33, 39-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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

**Death will be destroyed. 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 Greg, 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 Greg 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

**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 Go Forth in Jesus' Name ~**

✦THE BENEDICTION

✦THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 22: "God of the Sparrow" ..... ROEDER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE.....Jason Evans

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

**Burial will be at 2:00 pm in Chesapeake, VA in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens**

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## **~ Obituary ~**

Gregory Wayne Browder, 63, of Kill Devil Hills, NC died on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC. Born October 5, 1953 in Portsmouth, Virginia, he was the son of the late Randolph Edward Browder and Barbara Ann Hassell Batten.

Gregory served his country honorably in the Merchant Marines which afforded him the opportunity to travel the world four times over. While in California, he met the love of his life, Karol, and drug her back to God's country.

A friend to all and stranger to none, Gregory was the owner of Seabreeze Painting and a member of Outer Banks Presbyterian Church where he served on the buildings and grounds committee.

Gregory is survived by his wife, Karol Ann Browder; two sons, Andrew Robert Browder of Nags Head, NC, and Corey Edward Browder of Maryland; and the "apple of his eye" granddaughter, Saige Marie. Also surviving is his stepfather, Eddie Batten of Florida; brothers, Gary Browder (Connie), and Randy Browder, Jr. (Traci); and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church. A graveside committal will begin at 2:00 pm at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Chesapeake, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, PO Box 2199, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be expressed at [www.TwifordFH.com](http://www.TwifordFH.com).