

Outer Banks Presbyterian Church

Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina

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

Gwendolyn Jean Engleright

September 13, 1921 ~
January 26, 2018



Monday, February 26, 2018
11:00 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, Organist

✠THE HYMN OF PROCESSION NO. 35: “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” . LOBE DEN HERREN

✠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 Gwen put on Christ, so in Christ may Gwen 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, Gwen, and grant her 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. 836: "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

~ 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 the 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 CHORAL ANTHEM: “I’ll Fly Away”Albert Brumley
The Sanctuary Choir

(This passage was at Gwen’s request)

Not all flesh is alike, but there is one flesh for human beings, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. There are both heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one thing, and that of the earthly is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; indeed, star differs from star in glory. So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, ‘The first man, Adam, became a living being’; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed.

THE NAMING & WITNESSING

Jim Engleright (*Gwen’s son*)

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3: 11-17

‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

LEADER: This Is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILY The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore

✦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.

~We Respond to the Word ~

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Spoken Responsively)*

ONE: For Gwen, 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 Gwen 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 sister eternal life.

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

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

ALL: Hear us, Lord.

ONE: Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our sister, 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 Commend Our Sister to God ~

✦THE COMMENDATION *(Spoken in Responsively)*

ONE: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Gwen, 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, Gwen, 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, Gwen Engleright. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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. 326: "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE Jason Evans

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

~ Service Participants ~

The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore
Pastor

Mr. Jason K. Evans
Music Director/Organist

Mrs. Nonie Booth,
Choir Leader/Reception Coordinator

The Sanctuary Choir

~ Obituary ~

Gwendolyn Jean Engleright was born in Grand Haven, MI on September 13, 1921. Gwen, as she was known, died January 26, 2018.

Gwen is survived by her son James (Deborah) Engleright and grandchildren: Angela and Christopher Engleright and Chelsea and Patrick Mills; great grandchildren: Nita and Trey Spencer; and many other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by a son, Mikeal Engleright (1976), husband Norman Engleright (1980), and her second husband, Gerrit Vander Haagan (2003), and a daughter, Cheri Engleright (2011).

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held on Monday, February 26 at 11:00 am at Outer Banks Presbyterian Church, 907 S. Croatan Highway, Kill Devil Hills, and will be officiated by her pastor, The Rev. Dr. Jody Moore.

In 2016, our church published a book entitled “We Salute Our Veterans – Stories of our Veterans”. This information is taken from that booklet and was compiled and written by Gwen.



World War II Pearl Harbor Nurse

Gwen Engleright

US Navy Nurse Corp Reserves

1943 – 1947

Nurse

Background:

- Born in Grand Haven, MI and grew up there. Grandfather on her mother’s side was a fisherman from the Netherlands, last name Fisher.
- Her father was German, worked at the docks and built the harbor track over the water. He later owned a coal company.
- Engaged to be married, but her fiancée was drafted into the army and sent to the European theatre. They decided to wait 4 years to be sure both lived.

Military Service: US Navy Nurse Corps Reserves – 1943-1947

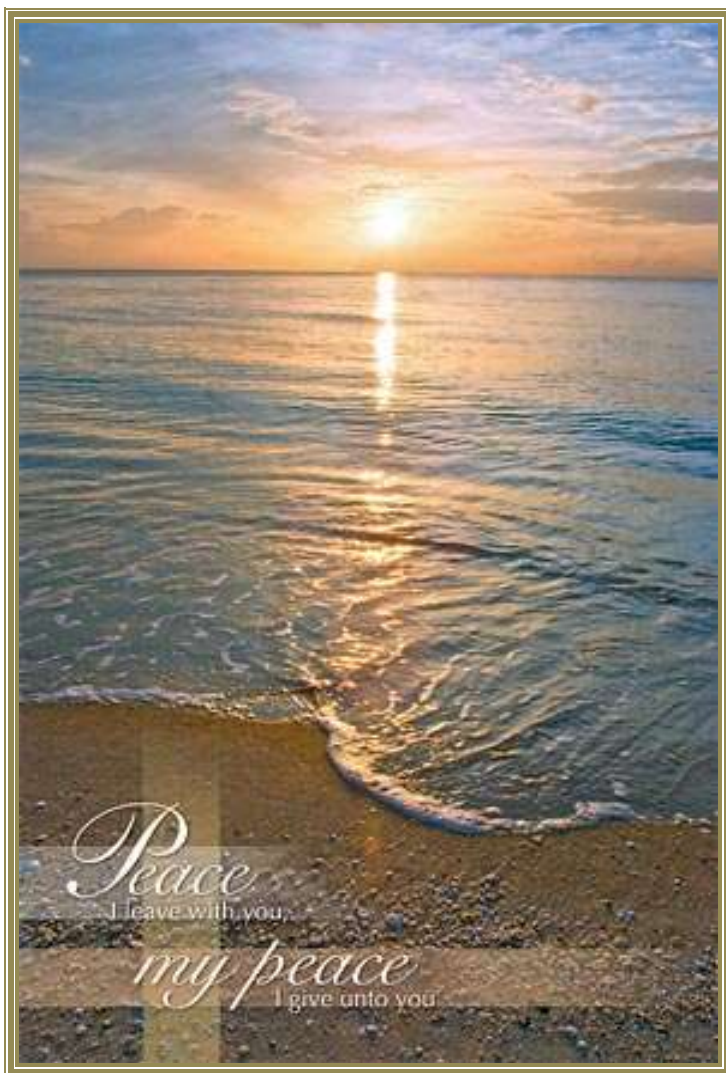
- Enlisted in the NNCR and did 6 months basic training in San Diego. One memory is all nurses had to jump from 20 feet into the pool, and from 30 and 40 feet with a life jacket.
- Shipped with 100 NNCR nurses by Merchant Ship to the Temporary Hospital on the Cooper Estate in Pearl Harbor; across from Ford Island where all the submarines and navy ships came in.
- Nurses had “no freedoms”; stayed in GQs (general quarters).
- After 20 months, they noted she had never had any vacation.
- Shipped back on Troop Ship with 5,000 and 50 children from Philippines.
- Arrived at San Francisco on September 1, 1945; Held over on the ship until the Peace Treaty was signed by the Japanese on September 2, 1945.
Not allowed above deck after 7 pm; served 2 meals daily.
- Sent for 30 days leave home to MI. **Points required for Discharge:**
 - Assigned to Bremerton, WA, 1945-1946;
 - Completed Reserve time in Michigan, 1947.

Served Navy and Marines wherever assigned; duty totaled:

- Contagion
- Tuberculosis
- Primary Care: Military, Dependents, Pediatrics, and Obstetrics

Comment: “Enjoyed my Navy Nurse Corps Duty”





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