

A Service of Worship

*In Remembrance of
and Thanksgiving for
the Life of*

Dr. David Bays Calhoun

November 9, 1937 – April 9, 2021

Friday, April 30, 2021

2:00 p.m.

*The First Presbyterian Church
Columbia, South Carolina*

Order of Worship

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

(Psalm 23:1)

Participating in the service today are:

The Rev. Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor and CEO of
Reformed Theological Seminary

The Rev. Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas, Senior Minister of First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Dr. Mark E. Ross, Professor of Systematic Theology of
Erskine Theological Seminary

Organist:
Thomas A. Russell

PRELUDE

+ **PROCESSIONAL:** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

+ HYMN 598: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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.

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 33:27a

John 10:11, 14-15

John 10:25-26

I Corinthians 15:51-55

+ HYMN 32: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

HOMILY: *A Shepherd Remembered*

PRAYER OF PRAISE, THANKSGIVING, AND COMFORT

+ HYMN 87: *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

CRIMOND

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of
• will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with
sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
• and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

BENEDICTION

+ **RECESSIONAL:** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

POSTLUDE

+ The Congregation is asked to stand for these acts of worship.

The family will greet friends in Jackson Hall immediately following this service.

Dr. David Bays Calhoun *November 9, 1937 – April 9, 2021*

David Bays Calhoun, age 83, went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 9, 2021, after a long battle with several health conditions. He died at home in Batavia, Illinois, with his wife, Anne, by his side, just as she had been, caring for him continuously throughout the last years of his life. Born on November 9, 1937, in Flat Gap, Kentucky, David grew up in South Carolina. He is preceded in death by his father, David Harris Calhoun; his mother, Pauline Bays Calhoun; and two brothers, Paul Harris Calhoun and John Herbert Calhoun. He met Anne Berry Fleece when they were both students at Columbia Bible College (now Columbia International University), and they married on May 29, 1961. In addition to Anne, David's survivors include two adult children, David Allen (Mary Ann) Calhoun of Danville, Virginia, and Isabel (Jon) Farrar of Batavia; two grandchildren, Ian Farrar and Zoe Farrar; and a sister-in-law, Eva Johnson Calhoun, of Sumter, South Carolina.

After earning a Bachelor of Divinity and a Master of Theology from Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, David was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1963 and returned to Columbia Bible College to teach for four years. He studied briefly with Francis Schaeffer at Swiss L'Abri and then served as principal of Jamaica Bible College in Mandeville, Jamaica, from 1967 to 1971. In 1972, he received a ThM in New Testament from Princeton Theological Seminary and began several years of service as a coordinator and trainer for Ministries in Action. He later became a founding board member and President of Presbyterian Mission International. David received his PhD from Princeton Seminary, writing his dissertation on Princeton Seminary's nineteenth-century student missionary movement.

In 1978, Dr. Calhoun joined the faculty of Covenant Seminary, where he taught church history until his retirement in 2008. He celebrated his retirement by walking all 62 miles of the St.

Cuthbert's Way in Scotland and England, places he considered almost second homes. After retiring, he maintained an office on the Covenant Seminary campus for several years – teaching occasional classes, preaching, and continually receiving students who wished to talk to him – before he and Anne moved to the Chicago area to be closer to family.

A respected scholar and author, Dr. Calhoun published many books, with Anne's expert editing. This output includes *Knowing God and Ourselves: Reading Calvin's Institutes Devotionally* (Banner of Truth, 2016); the highly regarded, two-volume *Princeton Seminary* (Banner of Truth, 1994/1996); *The Glory of the Lord Risen Upon It: First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, South Carolina, 1795 – 1995* (First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, 1994); and *Swift and Beautiful: The Amazing Stories of Faithful Missionaries* (Banner of Truth, 2020). Those are just a few of numerous titles. In the weeks before his death, David was able to complete *A Sheep Remembers*, a meditation on the Twenty-third Psalm interwoven with his own testimony.

His legacy does not end there. David was a friend, teacher, and mentor to generations of students, faculty, and alumni at Covenant. Throughout his 30 years of service there, he loved helping students gain an appreciation of Reformed theology and the heritage of the Christian faith in general and bringing the people and events of the past to life. He taught many to see the grace of God at work even in the darkest periods of church history.

Dr. Calhoun considered it a great privilege to serve Galilee Baptist Church in St. Louis during the last decades of his life. He loved and admired the people of that church and spoke often of how much they taught him.

His decades-long struggle with cancer and related conditions provided the opportunity for another of Dr. Calhoun's legacies. He spoke openly about his struggles with disease and wrote frequently about the relationship between suffering and faith. The strength of David's faith and his sense of grace and humor in the face of adversity inspired and encouraged generations of his friends, colleagues, and students, as well as medical staff, along the way.

A memorial service will be held at two o'clock in the afternoon of April 30 at First Presbyterian Church, 1324 Marion Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

The family would like to extend gratitude to the great number of healthcare professionals who cared so well for David over the years at Mercy Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis, Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Illinois, and elsewhere.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Dr. David B. Calhoun Scholarship at Covenant Seminary. Gifts can be made online at www.covenantseminary.edu/support/give-now/ or by check payable to Covenant Seminary with "Dr. Calhoun Scholarship" in the memo line. In addition, please mail condolences for the family to Covenant Seminary, attn: Development Office, 12330 Conway Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.