

The Memorial Service
for
The Reverend Dr. Donald Bray Patterson

Minister
of
First Presbyterian Church
1969 - 1983

The First Presbyterian Church
Jackson, Mississippi

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE
for
THE REVEREND DR. DONALD BRAY PATTERSON

The Twenty-Ninth Day of December, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Eight
7:00 o'clock P. M.

The Prelude

The Call To Worship

Dr. Kennedy Smartt

The Prayer Of Adoration And Invocation

Dr. Smartt

The Scriptural Affirmation - Psalm 23:

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.

The Hymn No. 358 "For All The Saints" - R. Vaughn Williams

The Reading Of The Scriptures

The Reverend Edward Norton

The Prayer

The Reverend John Kyle

The Reminiscences

Mr. Kyle

The Anthem - "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling-Place" - Johannes Brahms

(Psalm 84 from *A German Requiem*)

"How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts.

For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts.

Blest are they, O blessed are they that dwell within Thy house;

They praise Thy name evermore.

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place."

The Memorial Sermon

Dr. Kennedy Smartt

The Hymn Of Response No. 55 "To God Be The Glory"-William Doane

The Benediction

The Reverend Edward Norton

The Choir Response

The Postlude

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**So send I you by grace made strong to triumph o'er hosts of hell,
o'er darkness, death and sin, my Name to bear, and in that Name to conquer--
so send I you, my victory to win.**

**So send I you to take to souls in bondage the word of truth
that sets the captive free, to break the bonds of sin, to loose death's fetters--
so send I you, to bring the lost to me.**

**So send I you my strength to know in weakness, my joy in grief,
my perfect peace in pain, to prove my power, my grace, my promised presence--
so send I you, eternal fruit to gain.**

**So send I you to bear my cross with patience, and then one day
with joy to lay it down, to hear my voice, "Well done, my faithful servant--
come, share my throne, my kingdom, and my crown!"**

As the Father hath sent me, so send I you.

Margaret Clarkson

Don Patterson, beloved Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, from 1969 - 1983, was born in Quitman, Georgia, July 26, 1923. He graduated from Paschal High School in Fort Worth, Texas. His studies at Wheaton College, in Wheaton, Illinois, was interrupted by service in the 5th Army Air Corps in the Southwest Pacific. After the War, on March 29, 1947, he married Jeanne Taber. He returned to Wheaton College to earn his B.A. Degree. He graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1951 and served the following churches as Minister:

Commerce Presbyterian Church, Commerce, Georgia, 1951 - 1953

Perry Presbyterian Church, Perry, Georgia, 1953 - 1959

West End Presbyterian Church, Hopewell, Virginia, 1959 - 1962

McIllwain Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Pensacola, Florida 1962 - 1969

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, 1969 - 1983

From 1983 - 1993 he was Pastor at Large for the Mission to the World in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Patterson, a founding father of the Presbyterian Church in America, served as Chairman of the Steering Committee for the establishment of the denomination. He served as Vice-President of the World Relief Commission, Chairman of the PCA Mission to the World Committee, and participated in the World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin, 1966; Lausanne, 1974; Pattava, 1982, and Manila, 1989. Belhaven College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity Degree.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Patterson leaves three children and six grandchildren.