



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

**A Service of Worship
In Thanksgiving to Almighty God
For the Life of Frederick Walter Cassell
And in Witness to the Resurrection
of Jesus Christ**

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Denton, Texas

June 12, 2021

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Our Lord and Savior tells us, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Send now your Spirit, O God, to comfort us in our grief.

The Apostle Paul tells us that nothing, not even death, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**We gather here, O God, to remember your faithful servant
Fred and claim the hope of the resurrection.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Patterson

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

God of mercy, whose loving-kindness endures forever: we confess that often we have failed to receive and give love; to care for others as we care for ourselves; to forgive and accept forgiveness. We remember good intentions that were not put into actions; harsh words that were hurtful; selfish purposes that caused pain; persistent pride that would not yield. We acknowledge our fear in

the face of death and our failure to accept the hope you offer us in Christ. Gracious God, forgive us and help us to forgive others; heal us from the pain of self-condemnation; free us from the burden of failures that cannot be corrected; renew us with your loving assurance that our sins have been forgiven, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen. (Time of silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

Justin Cassell

Isaiah 40: 27-31

Katharine Tobler

SPECIAL MUSIC

Abide With Me (medley)

Sarah Kaelin Wirthlin, Anna Kaelin, Alison Kaelin Harber,
Robert Kaelin, Joseph Kaelin (grandchildren)
accompanied by Dean Kaelin (son-in-law)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2: 1-11

I Corinthians 15: 12-20; 50-58

WORDS OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

John Cassell

MEDITATION

Richard B. Culp

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

***APOSTLES' CREED (unison)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN 687 Our God, Our Help In Ages Past**

***COMMENDATION**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony V Charles M. Widor

Thanks to Parker Hinnenkamp for serving as organist for today's service.

Obituary for Frederick Walter Cassell



Frederick Walter Cassell, 92, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 29, 2021 in Denton, Texas.

Born on December 11, 1928 in Mt. Lebanon, PA to Raymond Joseph Dougherty and Mary Elizabeth Cassell, Fred was raised by his maternal grandparents Frederick Victor and Effa Mae Cassell.

Fred graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School and Westminster College (New Wilmington, PA) with a B.S. degree in mathematics. He was a lifeguard, ran on the cross-country track team and was co-captain of the swim team. His plans to attend Carnegie Mellon for a Masters program and teaching fellowship was interrupted when he felt called to Christian service and the Presbyterian ministry. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary Class of 1954 (MDiv), Fred also received a Doctor of Ministry degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Fred married Elizabeth Ann Johnson in 1956 and together they had three children: Susan, Judith "Judy", and John. They later divorced.

In 1975 he married the former Jo Anne Jensen and they enjoyed 45 years of love, life and marriage together.

Following graduation from Seminary, Fred began his ministerial service as associate pastor of Southminster Presbyterian church of Mt. Lebanon, PA. He then accepted the call of the Pittsburgh Presbytery to organize a new congregation, the Wexford Community United Presbyterian Church, which he served for nearly 10 years.

In 1967 he became pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas, and in 1975 he accepted a call to Union Evangelical Church in Mexico City, Mexico. Returning to the United States in 1980, he became the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of LaGrange, Illinois. In 1984 he became the Vice

President for Seminary Relations of Princeton Theological Seminary and retired in 1998. After he retired from Princeton, Fred and Jo moved back to Denton, Texas.

Fred had an abundant love for and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loved the words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel everyday, and when necessary... use words."

Fred enjoyed golfing with his buddies at the Denton Country Club, and having weekly dinner with good friends at the club. He enjoyed reading, good conversation, traveling (especially to his beloved Ireland), and playing a rousing game of Yahtzee! He had a quick wit, and an amazing memory. He reminded us that "there is ALWAYS room for ice cream, because it melts and just fills in all the gaps!". Things with Fred were always... "Jim Dandy-Peachy Keen!" and anything was possible... "if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise!"

He had a passion and talent for acting and was seen in over 20 productions at the Denton Community Theater alongside treasured friends whom he loved dearly. Fred was also very active and involved elsewhere in the community, serving as President or board member of dozens of service and civic organizations as well as on the board of Medical City Denton Hospital.

Fred was preceded in death by his daughter Judy Tobler. He is survived by his wife Jo Anne; children: Susan (Dean) Kaelin, John Cassell (Diana Zarda), and son-in-law Ron Tobler; Step-sons: Steven (Saundra) Fairchild and David (Aida) Fairchild; Grandchildren: Heather (Spencer) Riddle, Sarah (James) Wirthlin, Justin (Kelly) Cassell, Anna Kaelin, Taylor (Cassidee) Ludwig, Alison (Blake) Harber, Robert (Aubree) Kaelin, Joseph (Nicole) Kaelin, and Katharine Tobler; Step-grandchildren: Stephanie (Jeff) Morrison, and Ryan Fairchild: and 15 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that in consideration of the many service and charitable organizations he supported, you make a donation in Fred's name, to the charity of your choice.