



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

**A Service of Worship
Giving Thanks to Almighty God
for the Life of Catherine Marie Pennell
and Witnessing to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

Monday, January 19, 2026
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

“I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord,

**“Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”**

“Do you believe this?”

**“Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of
God, the one coming into the world.”**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

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

*GLORIA PATRI #581

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REMEMBRANCES

Ann Bartek

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 73: 23-28

Dori Bartek

Psalm 139:1-18

Ann Bartek

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 11:17-27

Libbie Bartek

Galatians 2: 15-21

Monte Bartek

MEDITATION

* HYMN #39

Great Is thy Faithfulness

*APOSTLES' CREED

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 (UNISON)

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

We extend our thanks to Jacob Hord for serving as organist.

The Family of Catherine Pennell will greet guests in the narthex immediately following worship.

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.



Catherine Marie Pennell

February 17, 1940-January 14, 2026

Catherine Marie Pennell, born on February 17, 1940, in Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2026, in Corinth, Texas, after a courageous ten-year battle with dementia. She was a beacon of grace and kindness, whose unwavering dedication to her family, profession, and community defined her remarkable life.

Catherine embarked on a fulfilling career as a registered nurse, earning her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Texas Women's University. Her early years in nursing saw her working diligently at Parkland Hospital in the special care nursery unit, where she tended to the tiniest of patients with loving care. After starting her own family, she devoted 15 years to being a homemaker, nurturing her children and creating a warm and loving environment. Later, she returned to her nursing career, this time focusing on private practice in dermatology, seamlessly blending her professional aspirations with her commitment to her family.

A dedicated member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, TX, Catherine poured her heart into the church community. She actively participated in numerous church activities, embodying the spirit of service. For over 20 years, she was involved with the Meals on Wheels program of Denton, dedicating eight years as the director, ensuring that countless individuals received the nourishment and support they needed. Additionally, her compassionate spirit was evident through her knitting, as she crafted countless scarves for local homeless shelters, senior citizens, and loved ones, spreading warmth and comfort wherever she could.

Catherine was not only a devoted wife to her husband, Floyd Edison Pennell, with whom she shared 65 years of marriage, but also a cherished mother and grandmother. She adored her daughter Ann Marie Bartek and her son-in-law Monte James Bartek and took immense joy in her role as a grandmother to Dori Bartek, James Bartek, Libbie Bartek, Cora Bartek, Katherine Bartek, and Isabel Bartek. Catherine treasured every moment spent with her grandchildren, whether playing games or reading together, creating lasting memories filled with laughter and love.

Catherine is preceded in death by her mother, Mary Washington Hatch; her father, Claude William Hibbetts; and her son, Guy Edison Pennell. Their absence is deeply felt, yet her legacy of care, leadership, and humor remains an enduring part of her family's lives.

She was admired for her poise, grace, and her ability to bring out the best in those around her, setting high expectations while also fostering a sense of humor that brought joy and laughter to gatherings of family and friends. Her presence was a comfort to many, and her impact on the community will undoubtedly be remembered for years to come.