

A Service of Worship
Giving Thanks to Almighty God
for the Life of Billye Marilyn Binns Akin
and Witnessing to the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

Saturday, May 2, 2026
1:30 p.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
maker of heaven and earth.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear.

As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has
compassion for those who fear God.

**As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says
the Lord.**

OPENING PRAYER

Chrissy Stevens

*HYMN #645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Lisa Patterson

God of mercy, whose lovingkindness 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!

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REMEMBRANCES

Bill Akin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 121

SPECIAL MUSIC

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8: 31-39

John 14: 1-6, 25-27

MEDITATION

* HYMN #450

Be Thou My Vision

*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

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 #643 Now Thank We All Our God

*COMMENDATION

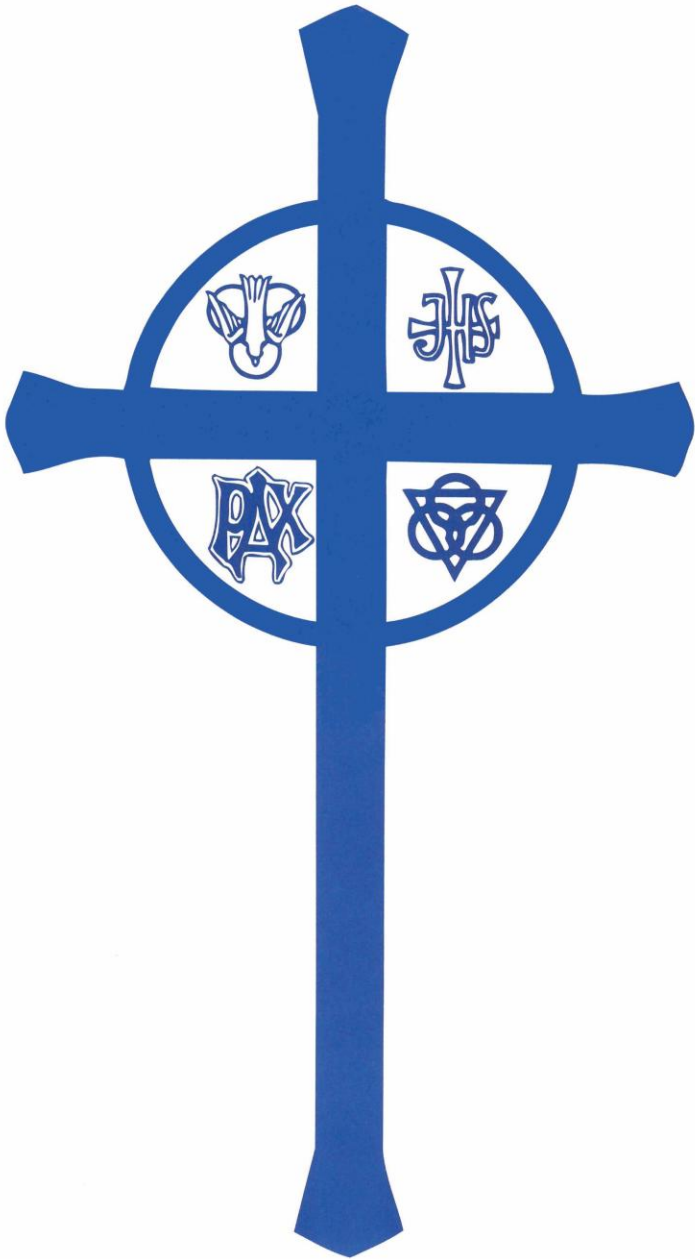
*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able are asked to stand.

We extend our thanks to Daeun Kim for serving as organist
and Matt Carlson for serving as soloist.

The Family of Billye Akin will greet guests in the narthex
immediately following worship.



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS



Billye Marilyn Binns Akin
November 8, 1928 - March 22, 2026

Billye Marilyn Binns Akin died peacefully in Arlington, Texas on March 22, 2026 at the age of 97. She was born to parents William Baxter Binns and Mary Emma Burbage Binns on November 8, 1928, in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Most of her growing up years were in Oklahoma City. As a young girl, she enjoyed visiting her extended Burbage and Binns families in Tahlequah and Colcord, Oklahoma and Gentry, Arkansas.

Billye met her husband, Gene Akin, in Tahlequah at Northeastern State University. She attended classes and also worked in the Dean's office at Northeastern State University in a program that provided college assistance to World War II veterans. They married on November 8, 1952, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Soon after their marriage they moved to Coronado, California where Gene was serving in the Navy. In 1957 they moved to Denton, Texas, with a short hiatus back to California until 1963. Billye continued to live in Denton following Gene's death in 1998. She moved to Arlington, Texas in 2021 to be closer to family.

She is survived by her children, Michele and William Hosey, Hank and Beverly Akin, Bill and Gina Akin, and Doug and Karen Akin. "Gran" unconditionally loved her grandchildren, Meredith and Garrett Ivey, Chase and Hannah Akin, Kelsey and Brett Westbrook, Sarah Akin and soon to be husband, Drew Johnson, Jordan Akin and soon to be husband, Spencer Stone, Kendall Akin and husband, Garret Hemphill, and Jackson Akin.

Billye took great joy in her 11 great grandchildren, Ray, Titus, James, and RuthAnn Ivey; Max, Lily, Henry and Noah Akin; Bennett, Clark, and Allie Westbrook.

She expressed her faith through her involvement at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas where she transcribed sermons, volunteered in the church office, served as a deacon, and on committees of the church. Many people remember Billye as the first person who welcomed them to the church. She also served on a committee of the larger Presbyterian church that worked with those seeking ordination as ministers.

A very artistic person, Billye used her creative skills painting, decorating, and later in life, she became an avid quilter. Her children remember her for her great meals and hospitality; her love of sharing stories of her family and family lineage; and the significance she found in keeping connected to longtime friends, many of whom she met through church, bridge and quilting.

She was predeceased by her husband Gene, whom she called Akin, and her sister Mary Gayle Townsend.

Along with her immediate family, those who will miss Billye include her sister, Karen Binns and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.