

**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION  
AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF  
CATHERINE TAYLOR “KATE” JONES**

April 12, 2001 – February 17, 2018

We are gathered here  
to give thanks for her life  
and for the life in Christ which never ends.

3:00 p.m.  
February 20, 2018  
First Presbyterian Church  
Athens, Georgia

Leading in Worship  
Dr. Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor  
Dr. John Kipp, Parish Associate  
Dr. John Coble, Director of Music and Organist  
Mr. Andrew Caldwell, Pianist

**Prelude**

**Greeting and Statement of Purpose**

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

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

**I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me shall live, even though they die, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

**Let us worship God!**

**Opening Prayer**

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Gracious God, who sees us as we are: we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; and we have one those things which we ought not to have done. Our burdens are too heavy to carry. Have mercy on us. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Old Testament Readings**

Psalm 139:1-12  
Psalm 23

**Reflections Shared by Friends**

**Musical Meditation\* \***

*I Giorni*

Ludovico Einaudi

**New Testament Readings**

I Corinthians 15:50, 53-55, 57  
I Corinthians 13:1-8

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Homily**

*“Three Good Things”*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

Romans 8, selections

**If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

\*Those who are able may stand.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving, Supplication, and Intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer**

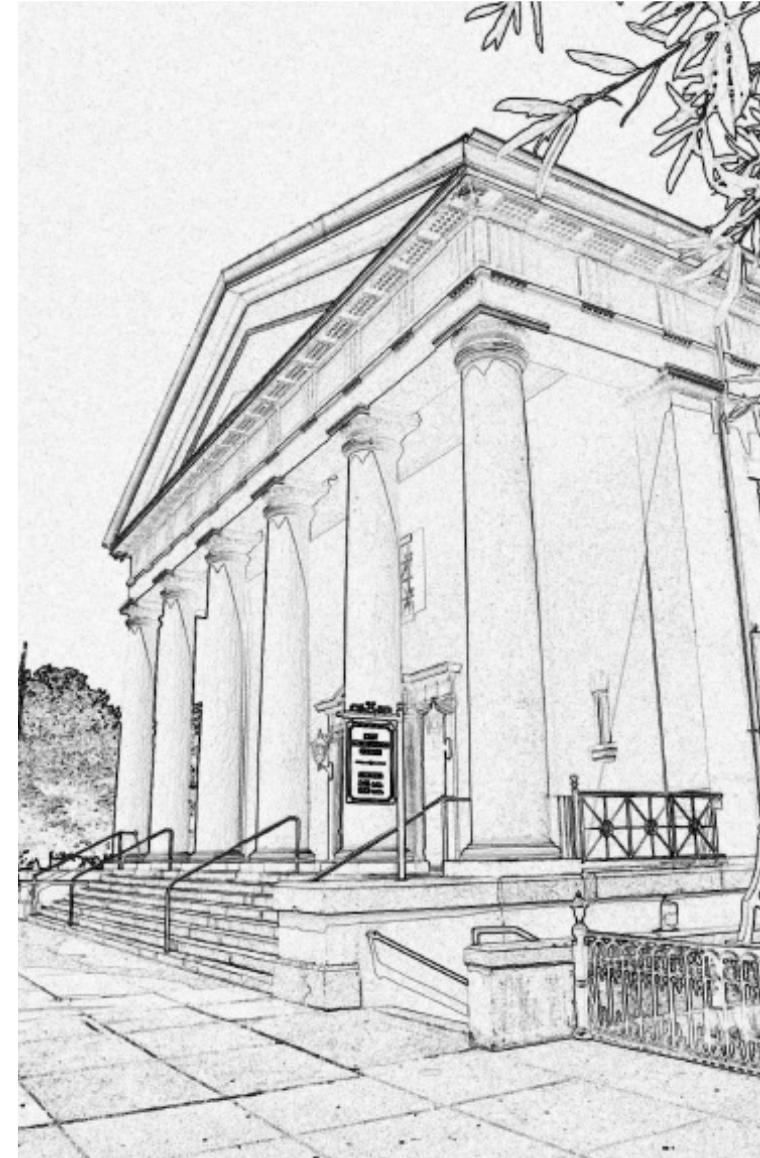
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**                      *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*                      Michael Praetorius

*Please greet Kate's family following the service at the reception in Fellowship Hall.*

\* \* The musical meditation is selected and played by Kate's friend from childhood, Andrew Caldwell. It's an Italian composition whose title translates as, "The Days." About it Andrew says, "Essentially it's about time and how fragile and profound time truly is. The piece entails many different sections. It pays homage to the good, light-hearted days; the dark and stormy days; and everything in between. It reflects what little time we have with each other and how important it is to cherish each moment. I never had my own piano growing up, so I would always go over to Kate's house and play the piano they have there, so I thought this would be a nice sentiment." The piano of which Andrew speaks was one Kate's grandmother Ann gave to Kate's family.



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