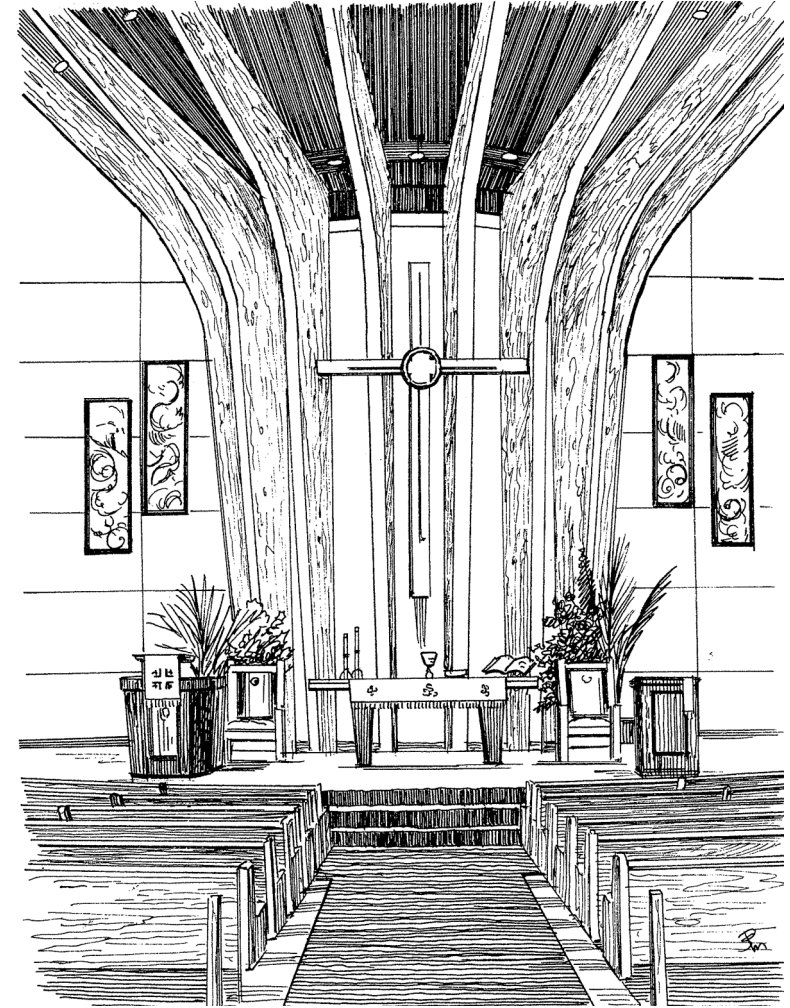




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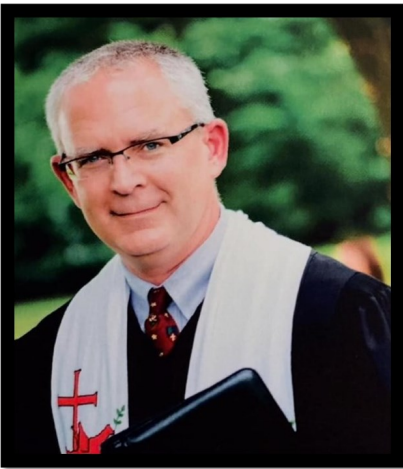


A service of witness to the Resurrection
and Celebrating the life of

Rev. Dr. Christopher Carson

November 25, 1969 - July 12, 2024

Words of Welcome		Rev. Dr. Joe Clifford
*Stirring of the Spirit	Morning Has Broken	Hymn #664
Opening Prayer		
Old Testament Reading	Jeremiah 32:6-15	Rev. Katie Day
	“Nothing is so hopeless, no condition so dead that life cannot come from it” ~ Rev. Dr. Chris Carson	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 27:1-4	Rev. Rusty Benton
Special Song of Invitation	Word of God Speak	Sara Beth Hooper
New Testament Reading	Philippians 2:1-11	Rev. Dr. Joe Clifford
Homily		
Special Song of Praise	You Are Good	
*Affirmation of Faith	Lenten Creed from the Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columbia, Australia	
	We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in the green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church, we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.	
Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer		
*Song of Faith	Wholly Yours	
Benediction		
*Sending Song	Surely It Is God Who Saves Me	
Postlude	Crowded Table	



Chris Carson passed away on July 12, 2024. He lives on through his mother, Linda, his wife Becky, his three children—Katelyn, Mac, and Cleigh—as well as his brother Cleigh, his sister Cami, and their families. A picture can never do justice to a person, but the smile on his face captures a lot of the man.

While completing his undergraduate work at Vanderbilt University, Chris began his ministry of service and education that spanned over three decades, five states, and seven congregations. Chris went on to earn his Master of Divinity and Doctor in Ministry from Colombia Theological Seminary, as well as a Master of Christian Counseling. Chris enjoyed teaching, preaching, counseling—those things that helped strengthen people in the Journey. He was an avid fisherman and a self-proclaimed fisher of men. Whether he was on the pickle ball court, offering a sermon, on the golf course, or with family or friends, all he wanted to do was make each and every person he met better at being a person. That is his legacy, and that is the mark he has made on all who knew him.

He was an organ donor—the ideal organ donor, according to the wonderful doctors and nurses in the critical care unit. While we have lost a giant human being, others have renewed hope that their lives will continue. And hopefully they will. That’s what Chris was all about, and that’s what Chris, in the end, did—provide hope. Although he would never think of himself as a hero, those of us who knew him, and many who never will, will have fuller and richer lives because he was.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations are made in honor of Chris and to continue his legacy at:

Children’s Hunger Project: <https://thechildrenshungerproject.org/>
Family Promise: <https://familypromise.org/>
MyFace: <https://www.myface.org/>
Donate blood to the local agency of your choice
Donate to your local Boys & Girls Club
Our Legacy: <https://give.adventhealth.com/give/450027/#!/donation/checkout>
Donate Life: <https://donatelife.net/>