



second presbyterian church

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 10, 2023

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF

DR. GERALD K. JOHNSON, SR.

PRELUDE

GREETING

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN NO. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

PSALTER (*UNISON*)

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters; He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff shall comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

ANTHEM

On Eagle's Wings
Melanie Hanna, soprano
SPC Chamber Ensemble

M. Joncas

EPISTLE READING

John 14:1-6;25-27

HOMILY

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. E. Kane

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*FROM ROMANS 8*)

What shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation or distress,

or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**No! In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

We are sure that neither death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities, 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.
 Thanks be to God! Amen.

ANTHEM Laudate Dominum K339 W.A. Mozart
 Satia Spencer, mezzo-soprano
 SPC Chamber Ensemble

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES Alice Allred
 Scott Johnson
 G. K. Johnson

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

COMMENDATION

- * **HYMN NO. 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
- * **BENEDICTION**
- * **POSTLUDE**
 *For those who are able, please stand

MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin E. E. Kane

ORGANIST
 Adam Savacool

SOLOISTS
 Melanie Hanna
 Satia Spencer

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Louis Allred	Larry Riggs
Bob DeBin	Henry Rogers
John Gill	Jim Shuffield
Jim Hathaway	Bill Trantum
Jim Johnson	Buddy Williamson

Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception in Second Hall.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DR. GERALD K. JOHNSON, SR.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the unexpected passing of Dr. Gerald K. Johnson, Sr., who departed this world on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Gerald was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on December 2, 1933, and at the tender age of 2, he moved to Augusta, Arkansas, following the tragic loss of his father. He pursued his passion for chemistry and biology at UCA (formerly ASTC) before graduating from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry at Kansas City.

Gerald proudly served his country as a Captain in the USAF Hospital in Amarillo, Texas, where he practiced general dentistry during three years of active duty. After his Air Force service, he pursued a preceptor-ship program in orthodontics, working alongside esteemed professionals including Drs. Alstadt, Casey, Golden, and Johnson in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Gerald is preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Jaquetta (Jackie) Bob Knight Johnson, his parents, Gladys Johnson of Augusta, AR, and Austin, TX, and Kay Johnson of Austin, TX. He is survived by his loving children: G.K. Johnson, Jr. (Claudia) of Atlanta, GA; Brenda Majors; and Scott Johnson (Quinci) of Little Rock. Cherishing his memory are his grandchildren: Ryan Nunez (Ricky), Brooke Johnson and Ross Johnson of Atlanta, GA; and Jackie Majors (Joey), Emily Lang (Derek) and Graeson Johnson of Little Rock. His legacy continues through his great-grandchildren: Kylie Barrow, Mason and Miles Lang.

Gerald was a dedicated member of various dental associations, including the American Dental Association, the American Association of Orthodontics, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontics, the Arkansas State Dental Association, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He served as the president of the Arkansas Society of Dentistry for Children and the Pulaski County Dental Association. Additionally, he was a valued member of the Founder's Group of the Cleft Palate Clinic at Arkansas Children's Hospital in 1965.

His commitment to his community extended beyond his professional life. He was a board member of the Scott Connections Plantation Settlement and the Managing Member of the Indian Mounds Land Company, a family enterprise. A devout member of Second Presbyterian Church, he faithfully served as Deacon and Elder during various periods. He was a member of the Little Rock Country Club and a Lifetime Member of the Downtown Rotary Club, where he joyously served as their "unofficial" pianist for over three decades.

A celebration of Gerald's life will be held at Second Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Second Presbyterian Church or to The Down Syndrome Foundation, organizations that held special places in Gerald's heart.