

**THE SERVICE OF
WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
AND CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF**



Ashton Glassell Gonella

January 13, 1929 – July 12, 2014

July 16, 2014
11:00 a.m.

In the Sanctuary of
The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church
One Chevy Chase Circle, NW
Washington, DC 20015

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach
Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring J.S. Bach
Selection of Favorite Hymns
Kenneth Lowenberg, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 555 Now Thank We All Our God Blue Hymnal

WELCOME AND REMEMBRANCES

Ashton Glassell Thornhill • Lynda Bird Johnson Robb •
Ashley Glassell Rockett • Jon Wesley Gonella •
Geoffrey Johnson Gonella

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14-14 Bryan D. Thornhill
Psalm 23 Geoffrey J. Gonella, Jr.
John 6:37-40 Jonathan A. Thornhill
John 14:1-6a, 25-27 The Rev. Lynn Jostes

MEDITATION "Living Graciously" The Rev. Lynn Jostes

SPECIAL MUSIC Here I Am, Lord
Katherine Gonella & Jacqueline Gonella

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (read responsively)

Leader: Father Mark Hughes
Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress?
Or persecution or famine?
Or nakedness or peril or sword?

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

People:

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For 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. Amen. Romans 8:35, 37-39

*HYMN 280 Amazing Grace Blue Hymnal

PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (in 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 540 God Be with You Till We Meet Again Blue Hymnal

*COMMENDATION

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Lynn Jostes, Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture
The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington DC
Father Mark Hughes, Pastor
Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Kensington MD
Katherine Gonella, Cantor

Following the service, you are invited to join Ashton's family for conversation and refreshments at Columbia Country Club.
7900 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase MD.

My candle burns at both ends; It will not last the night; but oh, my foes, and oh, my friends - It gives a lovely light!
— Edna St. Vincent Millay, *A Few Figs from Thistles*



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

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

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23



*Courtesy of Marilyn
Walt Taylor who
was one of Mrs.
Johnson's secretaries.*

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Clinton Library Mention-Associated Press Online

October 6, 2009 Tuesday 4:01 AM GMT

A snapshot of some first ladies' staffs

BYLINE: By The Associated Press

SECTION: DOMESTIC NEWS

LENGTH: 203 words

First ladies are dogged by questions about why someone who isn't elected or paid, or who isn't routinely handling serious domestic and global issues, has a staff at all. But first ladies do more than just choose china patterns and plan White House social functions.

Staff sizes may rise and fall depending on what projects are under way, as well as the number of people who may be temporarily reassigned from a department or agency to assist. Also, some first lady aides don't just work for her; they report to the president, too.

A look at some first ladies and their staff sizes:

Michelle Obama: 24, according to her office.

Laura Bush: Between 24 and 26 by end of President George W. Bush's term in 2009, according to Anita McBride, Mrs. Bush's chief of staff.

Hillary Rodham Clinton: 13 in October 1993, rising to 19 by March 2000, according to the Clinton Presidential Library.

Lady Bird Johnson, whose signature issue was beautifying roadways, had a staff of 30, said Stacy A. Cordery, a history professor at Montmouth College in Illinois who studies first ladies.

Betty Ford had almost the same number.

Jacqueline Kennedy, who made renovating the White House her cause, had about 40 people on staff, Cordery said.

Eisenhower Library-Wichitopekington Blog

October 5, 2009 Monday 12:14 PM EST

Military historian to assess Abilenes influence on Eisenhower

BYLINE: Dion Lefler

LENGTH: 139 words

Oct. 5, 2009 (The Wichita Eagle delivered by Newstex) --

Mrs. Johnson's White House Staff

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 - F. Marcia M. Maddox

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 - B. Carol A. Carlyle
 - C. Bette Hogue

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- IV. Mrs. Johnson's correspondence office handled all correspondence addressed to Mrs. Johnson and correspondence addressed jointly to the President and Mrs. Johnson of a general nature:
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