

In Memoriam:
The Celebration of the life of
Clarence Wayne Loudermilch
February 15, 1938 – September 29, 2026



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CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH
Cashiers, North Carolina

*“He is no fool who gives up
what he cannot keep to gain
what he cannot lose.”*

Jim Elliott, Missionary
1927-1956

For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
Matthew 16:25



THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Alice Bryant, *pianist*
Molly McKim, *soloist*

THE PEALING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

The People stand

THE PROCESSION

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. *John 11:25-26*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. *Job 19:25-27*

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. *Romans 14:7-9*

For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. *1 Timothy 6:7; Job 1:21*

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; Even so, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors. *Revelation 14:13*

THE WELCOME

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson

THE OPENING HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou has been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed— great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

Officiant: The Lord be with You.

People: ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant *Wayne*, being raised with Christ, may know the strength of his presence and rejoice in his eternal glory; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn, especially Melisa, Amy, Bill and their families. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 25:6-9

Rob McKinnon, *Reader*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The reader and people read responsively by half-verse.

THE PSALTER VERSES

Psalms 90

David Wilhelm, *Psalmist*

¹Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, *

you are God from everlasting, and world without end.

³You turn man back to the dust; *

you say, "Return, O children of men."

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, *

even as a day that is past.

⁵You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an end; *

they are even as a dream and fade away.

⁶They are like the grass, which in the morning is green, *

but in the evening is dried up and withered.

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure *
and are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
⁸You have set our misdeeds before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
⁹For when you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told.
¹⁰The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong that they come to eighty years, *
yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away, and we are gone.
¹¹But who regards the power of your wrath, *
and who considers the fierceness of your anger?
¹²So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
¹³Turn again, O Lord, and tarry not; *
be gracious unto your servants.
¹⁴O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
¹⁵Comfort us again, according to the measure of the days that you have afflicted us, *
and for the years in which we have suffered adversity.
¹⁶Show your servants your work *
and their children your glory.
¹⁷And may the grace of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; O prosper our handiwork.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:14-19,34-39

John Parker, *Reader*

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

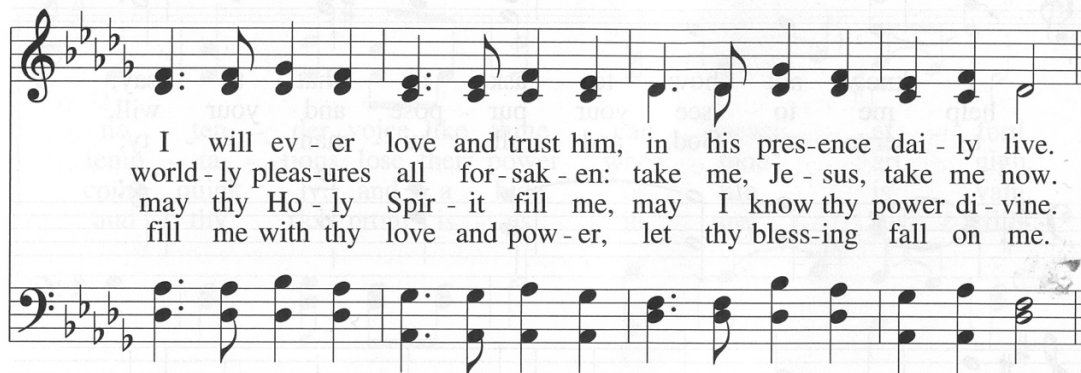
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN

I Surrender All

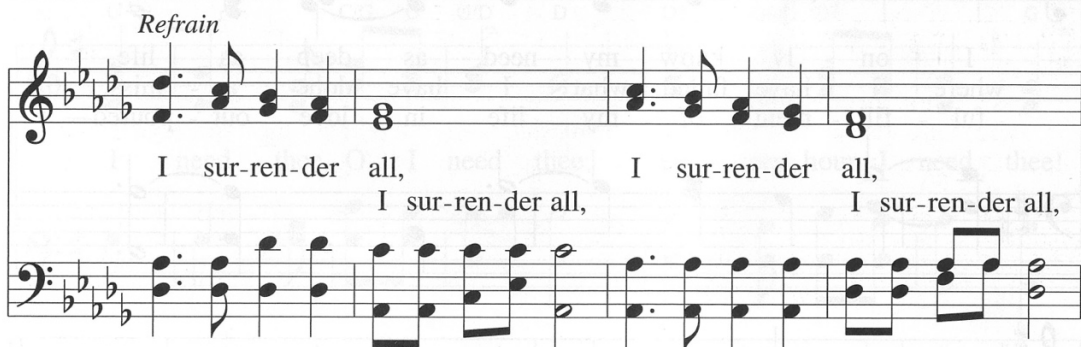


1 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, all to him I free-ly give;
 2 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, hum-bly at his feet I bow,
 3 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, make me, Sav-ior, whol-ly thine;
 4 All to Je - sus I sur-ren-der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

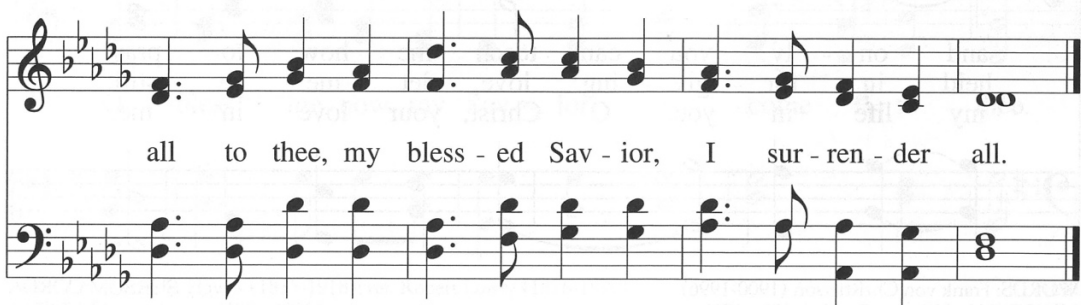


I will ev - er love and trust him, in his pres-ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly pleas-ures all for-sak - en: take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy power di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless-ing fall on me.

Refrain



I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,
 I sur-ren-der all, I sur-ren-der all,



all to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

THE REMEMBRANCES & REMARKS

Amy Bernert
 Avery Ramsey
 Bill Hock
 Melisa Loudermilch



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3 My sin—O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -



Refrain

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend: "E - ven so"—it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 well with my soul,

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

The officiant invites the people to stand and says

Let us confess the Faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

Officiant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Randy Hatcher, *Reader*

Let us pray, saying, "Hear our prayer."

Almighty God, you knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant, we pray, to your whole Church in heaven and on earth, your light and peace.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you in faithful obedience.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your fatherly care, that, casting their grief on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust Wayne to your never-failing love; receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor which you show to all your people.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Officiant concludes with the following prayer

Almighty God, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, the fullness of life in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life promised to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people stand

THE COLOR GUARD & PRESENTATION OF THE FLAG WITH TAPS

THE BLESSING

The officiant says

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

The people stand

THE CLOSING HYMN

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti -

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

cease. My Com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

THE RETIRING PROCESSION

Song of Simeon

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. **Amen.**

Luke 2:29-32

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev'd Dr. Marc Robertson
Preacher

The Rev'd Nick McGee
Officiant

Bill Kamerer
Acolyte

Jamie Bryson
Organist

Honorary Pall Bearers

Larry Bernert

Bill Johnson

Lawrence Bernert

Bill Loudermilch

John Gentry

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Clarence Wayne Loudermilch ("Wayne") a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother, and friend, passed peacefully into the presence of his Lord on September 29th, 2026, surrounded by those he loved.

Wayne was born on February 15, 1938, in Sylacauga, Alabama. He graduated from Anniston High School in 1956, earned his undergraduate degree in History from the University of Alabama in 1960, and his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1962.

After law school, Wayne proudly served his country in the United States Army Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps from 1962 until 1965. Following his military service, he moved to Mobile, Alabama, with his wife, Anne, and two young children, Bill and Amy.

In 1965, Wayne joined the Mobile law firm of Hand, Arendall, Bedsole, Greaves & Johnston where he practiced as a litigator until 1971. During the final three years of his legal career he took a leave of absence to serve as Public Defender.

In 1971, Wayne made a defining transition — leaving the practice of law to devote himself full-time to building his successful mail-order fundraising business, America's Best, along with several other entrepreneurial ventures. Through vision, discipline, and persistence, he built a life marked by independence, purpose, and generosity.

Wayne married Anne Weatherford on August 20, 1960, and together they raised a family and shared 48 wonderful years of marriage until her passing in 2008. After Anne's death, Wayne found love again and on January 7, 2012, married Melisa McKim. Together they traveled, entertained friends and family, and supported Christian mission work and political causes dear to their hearts.

Wayne lived in Mobile, Alabama until 1984, then in Fairhope, Alabama until 2009. In that year he made Cashiers, North Carolina — where he had owned a second home since 1997 — his full-time residence. In both Fairhope and Cashiers, his porch swing was his favorite spot: wine or a martini at sunset, coffee at sunrise, a book or Bible in hand, and often a friend or family member beside him. It was a place for prayer, conversation, laughter, and counsel — and earned him the affectionate family nickname, "the King of the Swing."

Wayne loved travel, reading and writing, good food, history, and current events, but above all he loved God and he loved his family and friends. He was an active member of Christ Anglican Church in Cashiers, North Carolina. A founder of Here's Life Africa, he served as one of its directors for more than two decades, supporting its mission of sharing the Gospel, fostering discipleship, training pastors, and planting churches across Tanzania, Malawi, and Uganda. He was a fierce patriot who loved his country deeply and gave generously of his time and resources to causes he believed would strengthen and bless America.

He was known for his clarity of thought, directness, loyalty, and steady leadership. He said what he meant and meant what he said — always with honesty, conviction, and care for the people he loved. In middle age he was fondly dubbed "The Sage," as so many sought his counsel on matters of business, family, faith, and life.

He is survived by his wife, Melisa McKim Loudermilch; his son, Bill Loudermilch (Heidi); his daughter, Amy Loudermilch Bernert (Larry); six grandchildren — Drew Loudermilch Billow (Chase), Katie Loudermilch, Claire Loudermilch Foreman (Bryce), Avery Bernert Ramsey (Fuller), Allie Bernert Cottrell (Gray), and Lawrence Bernert; and six great-grandchildren — Wyatt, Wells, and Anne Weatherford Billow; Jay and Adair Ramsey; and Ben Cottrell.

He is also survived by his sisters, Patricia Loudermilch Smith and Janice Loudermilch Posey (Randy), and by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anne Weatherford Loudermilch, who passed on December 23, 2008, and by his parents, Lucy and Cecil Loudermilch.

A lunch reception at the Halsted House at the High Hampton Inn will immediately follow the service. A private family service of interment will be held at a later date at the columbarium at Saint James Episcopal Church in Fairhope. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Wayne's honor to Here's Life Africa at www.HeresLifeAfrica.org or 2001 W. Plano Pkwy #3435, Plano, TX 75075. The family is deeply grateful for your prayers and for the love and support that have carried them through this time.