

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP
AND WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
IN MEMORY OF
JAMES ALVIN PAYNE, JR.

June 1, 1930 – March 8, 2024



April 28, 2024 ~ 1:00 p.m.

Second Presbyterian Church
5 North Fifth Street † Richmond, Virginia 23219

Gathering Music Winston McCullough

Welcome from the Family Martha Payne Meyer

Opening Hymn 819 (*seated*) Be Still My Soul *Finlandia*

Opening Sentences of Scriptures Kate Fiedler

Prayer (*unison*)

Loving Lord of life, creator of all things and sustainer of our lives, we give thanks and praise to you on this day. Your grace sustains us in Jesus Christ. Your love and presence forever surround our lives. Shower us now with your special peace as we gather to celebrate the life of Jim, whose long life and faithful ministry touched our lives so deeply. As we face the mystery of death, enable us to see the light of eternity. As we take comfort in your presence and promises, enable each of us to live well and serve with hope and light, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Hymn to Joy*

Remembrances Rebecca Lupesco
Randy Lowe
Jim Redington

Anthem Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) arr. Thomas Fettke
Winston McCullough and Mary Ramirez

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 West Redington
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Homily Kate Fiedler

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer (*debtors/debtors*) Mary Jane Winter
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.

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*) Barbara Chalfant

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing
in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Words of Commendation

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant, Jim, with all your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

(Unison): **Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Jim.
Acknowledge, we humbly pray, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock,
a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the
blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

*Benediction

Kate Fiedler

*Closing Music

When the Saints Come Marching In

Traditional Spiritual

**Oh when the saints go marching in, oh when the saints go marching in,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

**Oh on that hallelujah day, oh on that hallelujah day,
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

**Oh when the trumpet sounds the call, oh when the trumpet sounds the call
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.**

*Those who are able may stand at these times.

The Rev. Kate Fiedler, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Mary Jane Winter, *Interim Pastoral Care*
Barbara Chalfant, *Presbyter for Congregational Life* (Presbytery of the James)
Kathy Toole, *Church Organist*

*Following this worship service, all are invited to the Chapel
for a time of fellowship, refreshment, and conversation.
Jim's family looks forward to greeting you there.*





James Alvin Payne, Jr., of Richmond, finished this life March 8, 2024. Born in Richmond on June 1, 1930, he was the son of James A. Payne, Sr., and Ann Elizabeth Staples Payne. Jim lived in several towns throughout Virginia, including Front Royal, as well as in Wilson, NC and Bristol, TN. He was a 1951 graduate of The University of Richmond, with a BA in Psychology. It was here that Jim met his future wife, Mary Aylett Creath, a student at Westhampton College. After graduation, Jim was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Korea with the 1st Marine Division as a platoon leader and company officer. He was awarded the Bronze Star with a Combat V for Valor and the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged from the Reserve in 1959 with the rank of Captain.

Upon returning from Korea in 1953, he and Mary were married, and Jim entered Union Theological Seminary. After earning a Master of Divinity in 1956, he served as the first pastor of the newly established First Presbyterian Church in Annandale. In 1962, he was called to be the first pastor of Meadows Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville and served there for six years.

The Synod of Virginia called him to be their Executive in 1968. It was there that Jim worked alongside other ministers and laypersons who toiled tirelessly, in his words, “lifting up the pressing societal issues for theological reflection and guidance to the churches.” Following a work/study sabbatical, he served as the Associate Director for Social Concerns at the Virginia Council of Churches from 1977-1982. There he formulated a vision for the creation of an interfaith religious presence in the arena of Virginia’s governance. From this vision, the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy (VICPP) was established in 1982, with Jim as its founding Executive Director. Jim retired from VICPP in 1990 but continued to be a champion for social justice for the remainder of his life.

Throughout his career and retirement, Jim organized and led efforts to make the world a better place for all. He served on a number of state and local boards, commissions, and committees. He also received many honors throughout his life, including the 2003 Virginia First Freedom Award. He was an adjunct faculty member at Union Theological Seminary, teaching a course in public policy at the State Capitol during the annual General Assembly sessions. Jim lived his life passionately committed to the welfare of others, firmly believing that “a rising tide lifts all boats.”

Jim met few strangers. He loved to travel, to fish, to grow vegetables with Mary, and to “putter.” He found quiet peace in Mathews County on the Chesapeake Bay and also in the mountains of Bath County where the Payne family had roots. He cherished having family and friends close and found immeasurable joy in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was devoted to his family and instilled in them that “to whom much is given, of them much is required.”

Mary, his wife of 62 years, and Ann Long, his sister, preceded him in death. He is survived by four children: J. Lewis Payne of Pullman, WA, Sarah Redington (James) of Hot Springs, Elizabeth Lowe (Randy) of Abingdon, and Martha Meyer (Mark) of Winston-Salem, NC; six grandchildren: Rebecca Lupesco (Anthony), Matthew Lowe (Brittany), Steven Lowe (Abbey), Carson Meyer, Claire Meyer (Payton), and West Redington; eight great-grandchildren: Lucy and Arthur Lupesco; Riggs, Remi, and Fanci Lowe; Cooper and Hudson Lowe, and Ellis Duran; his brother-in-law, Wayne Long; and his sister-in-law, Alice McCullough. He is also survived by a host of treasured nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.