A Celebration and Thanksgiving to God for the I Life of Mae Reynolds Holoman

May 24, 2025



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Virginia

Order of Worship

Welcome	
Choral Anthem	"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Opening Prayer	
The Lord be with you. And also with you.	u.
Hymn of Praise #625	"How Great Thou Art"
Call to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
when we have soug Merciful God, forgiv When we have been	away, when we have turned our backs on Love, tht immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.
when we don't know when we are too as	us. When we are so broken we cannot move, w how to stem the bleeding of our wounds, hamed to seek community, heal us. , the strength, and the hope to accept Your grace
and hear Your call in	n Christ. Amen.
Assurance of Forgiveness	
Friends, believe th In Jesus Christ we a	e good news of the Gospel re forgiven.
Response	
	Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore Lift up your heart; lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again, I say Rejoice!

Lessons from the Scriptures

Prelude

The Psalter
The Hebrew Scriptures

The New Testament Romans 15:5-7
The Gospel Matthew 6:28-34

Choral Prayer "As the Deer Pants for the Water"

Meditation

Hymn #175 "Seek Ye First"

Prayer of Dedication - Ending with 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.

Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives"

God sent His Son – they called Him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, and life is worth living just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby and feel the pride and joy he gives, but greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Refrain.

And then one day I'll cross the river, I'll fight life's final war with pain; and then as death gives way to vict'ry, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

Refrain.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn #326

"For All the Saints"

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Steve Frazier – Covenant Pastor Edna Broadhurst – Director of Music Michael Broadhurst - Flute

Thank you for coming to celebrate Mae's life and ministry. Immediately following the service, you are all invited to join the family at Nancy and Steve Frazier's home at 4102 Faigle Road in Portsmouth.

In Remembrance

Mae Reynolds Holoman, age 91 of Portsmouth, Virginia, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 11. She was a Godly partner who embodied a joyful, welcoming spirit. She lived a life grounded in faith, service, and boundless love for others.

Mae was born in Critz, Virginia on May 4, 1934, to the late Hassie T. Reynolds and Mildred Fulcher Reynolds. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Ivis Hutcheson, Mary Irvine Fasano, Elva Burgchardt, Dae Williams, Sue Smart, and her brother, Buddy Reynolds. After graduating from high school, she traveled to Boston to live with her sister and train as a dental assistant. She continued her hygienist practice when she returned to Martinsville, VA.

Mae married William Chreston Holoman, from Raleigh, NC. On June 7 of this year, they would have celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary. After their wedding, the two moved to Kingsport, Tennessee, where Chreston worked as a chemical engineer for Tennessee Eastman Kodak.

Sensing God's call to ministry, they moved to Wake Forest, NC., where Chreston attended Southeastern Baptist Seminary. Their first call was to Branchville Baptist Church in Branchville, VA., later moving to Taylor Road Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA. In 1980, they founded Emmaus Foursquare Gospel Church in Chesapeake, VA. In 1985, Mae was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Ministry by Jacksonville Seminary in Florida.

She is survived by her husband: William Chreston Holoman; three daughters: Nancy Frazier (Steve), Rosemary Williams (Neal), and Ann Osborne (Steve); eight grandchildren: Kelsey Smith (Logan), Chase Williams (Jess), Logan Williams, Lauren Yount (Phillip), Steve Osborne, Ashely Mae Osborne, Claire Frazier, and Barron Frazier (Laura); nine great-grandchildren; and her sister, Drue Hurd.

Mae's legacy of faith is captured in her favorite and often-quoted passage of Scripture from Psalm 37:4: "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." Her unwavering support, spiritual strength, and deep compassion made her a cornerstone of the church community and a maternal figure to many beyond her own family.

She was quick to listen and full of compassion. Her commitment to intercession impacted many, many lives. She made it her mission to care for people emotionally and spiritually. Her warmth and open heart made everyone feel like family.

She sought to align her will with God's and, in so doing, knew a deeper assurance; an assurance that reinforced the knowledge of God's abiding presence in every situation. Mae leaves behind a lifetime of spiritual strength that continues to impact us all.