

A CELEBRATION OF  
THE RESURRECTION



AND OF THE LIFE OF  
**MARIAN LOWRY**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HENDERSONVILLE, NC  
JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection**  
in Gratitude to God  
for the Life of  
**MARIAN PECOT LOWRY**  
A Child of God

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1926—November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

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January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Hendersonville, North Carolina

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

*Psalm 121*

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?

**People:** **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People:** **He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

**Leader:** The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

**People:** **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**

**Leader:** The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**People:** **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**Statement on the Witness to the Resurrection**

**Prayer of Praise**

\*Hymn 697

“Take My Life”

## Selected Scripture Readings

*Rev. Dwight Christenbury*

*Rev. Mark Stanley*

## Reflections on the Life of Marian Lowry

**A Loving Tribute**, featuring “To Dance”, a song by Michael Drew, Marian's grandson

**Solo** (*Hymn 817*)

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*Katie Cilluffo*

**Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*)

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**he descended into hell;**

**the third day he rose again from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;**

**the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn 301**

“Let Us Build a House”

**\*Benediction**

## Postlude

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Please join the family for a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the Memorial service.*

*Special thanks to our organist, Stephen Klein*

**MARIAN PECOT LOWRY**, 97, died on November 22, 2023 at Carolina Village in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Born in Grenada, Mississippi, she was reared in the greater New York area and graduated from Kent Place School in Summit, New Jersey. She earned a B.S. degree in Zoology from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority and lettered in synchronized swimming.

In 1947, she married William John Lowry of Cleveland, Ohio, who received his J.D. degree from the Duke University School of Law in 1949. After spending 30 years in Findlay, Ohio, they moved to Hendersonville in 1985 when Bill retired from Marathon Oil Co.

Marian was active in many civic and charitable organizations. She was recognized by the governors of Ohio and North Carolina for her volunteer work, and her children listed her occupation as “professional volunteer.” She received the Thanks Badge from the Girl Scouts and in addition to leading many troops, she was a “trainer of trainers.”

She served on the board of the Migrant Council (Blue Ridge Community Health Services) and was a member of both the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters for more than 60 years. She chaired the Life Enrichment Committee and served on the Board of Carolina Village.

In 2004, she, with the help of others, brought Kids Voting to Henderson County. Probably her greatest dedication was to the Council on Aging for Henderson County. She was president of that organization and was active in the capital fund-raising project for the facility on Spartanburg Highway.

She received the Kathleen Godwin Cole award from the Land of Sky Regional Council in 1996 and was honored as an outstanding woman in Henderson County in 1999. In 2011, she received the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award from the Community Foundation of Henderson County.

She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church serving in several capacities including Elder and Clerk of Session.

Marian believed in staying active and enjoyed a variety of leisure pursuits over the years, including sewing, knitting, origami, cookie-baking, gardening, ice-skating, ping-pong, tennis, swimming, diving, sailing, and golf.

She was known for her love of history, being a voracious reader, and sending newspaper clippings to her kids. She enjoyed and encouraged a good political discussion and quietly supported her Duke Blue Devils. She loved a good “small world” story, refused to drive an “old lady” car, and was one-half of a true love story. Among the words of wisdom we’ll remember most: Be positive. Leave a place better than you found it. Wear a hat.

Marian was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, William Lowry. She is survived by four children and their spouses, Thomas C. (Sybil) Lowry of Houston, Texas; Betsy (Keith) Drew of Elgin, Illinois; Margaret “Peggy” (Scott) Doty of Northwood, Ohio; and Katharine “Kit” (Ralph) Selzer of West Des Moines, Iowa; grandchildren Katharine “Kaitlin” Lowry, Paul Lowry, Michael (Mandy) Drew, Stephen (Laura) Drew, Benjamin Doty, Rachel (Connor) Faber, and Curtis Selzer; and great-grandsons Titus Drew, Hudson Drew, and Ezra Drew.

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*Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.*