

THE WORSHIP SERVICE

The Rev. Mary Kate Sykes
Minister

Lee Northcutt
Organist

In recognition of Rita's service as an Elder, current and former members of the Session participate in the processional and recessional.

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

The family will receive friends in the Parlor immediately following the service.



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

For those wishing to make financial donations in memory of Rita Simpson, the family has designated the following recipients:

The Sharon at South Park
Resident Assistance Fund
5100 Sharon Road,
Charlotte, NC 28210

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 East Morehead St.,
Charlotte, NC 28204



Audio-induction hearing loops are installed for use with hearing aids.

WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN MEMORY AND CELEBRATION OF

Rita Adams Simpson

ELDER EMERITA

JANUARY 14, 1928 - JUNE 3, 2026



Covenant Presbyterian Church
1000 East Morehead Street, Charlotte, North Carolina

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Monday, June 22, 2026 at Two O'Clock in the Afternoon

PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy A. Travis

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REMARKS

Psalm 146:1-7

Matthew 11:28-30

Romans 8:31-39

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*) PSALM 23

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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.**

*HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony V C. M. Widor



**You are invited to rise in body or spirit*