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3:00 p.m.

Organ Prelude Michael Frazier
Toccata, Adagio in C, BWV 564 J.S. Bach
Prelude on "Rhosymedre" Ralph Vaughan Williams

Welcome The Rev. Linda Browne

Piano Music Jan Sawyer
Andante from Sonata, K333 Mozart

Hymn
For the Beauty of the Earth
(see insert)

Readings The Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber
Psalm 23
Isaiah 61:1–3
Micah 6:8

Prayer The Rev. Dr. Susan Parker

Hymn
O God our Help in Ages Past
(see insert)

Organ Music Michael Frazier
Pavane from Rhythmic Suite Robert Elmore

Readings The Rev. Sharon Snow
from 1 John and Mother Teresa

Piano Music Jan Sawyer
Andante from Sonata cantabile, Opus 120 Schubert

Reflections..... Dr. Lynne Harris

Organ Music..... Michael Frazier
Now Thank We all Our God J.S. Bach

Poetry Deryl Davis

Reflections..... Jon Sawyer

Hymn
Hymn of Promise
(see insert)

Benediction The Rev. Linda Browne

Organ Postlude..... Michael Frazier
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Carl and Lucille thank you for your prayers, your kindness and love,
and for being a part of their lives.

“A well-lived life leaves beautiful treasures shining on our shores.”

CARL VERNON HARRIS

Carl Vernon Harris Dec. 29, 1922 ~ Aug. 9, 2011 Carl Vernon Harris, a resident of Salemtowne Moravian Retirement Community, died August 9, 2011 at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. Dr. Harris was born December 29, 1922 to Asbury David and Laura Clark Harris in Morganton, NC. He was one of seven children, three brothers and three sisters, all of whom are deceased. Dr. Harris is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Lucille Sawyer Harris. He is also survived by two sisters-in-law, Mildred Hardin Sawyer and Betsy Ivey Sawyer, both of Winston-Salem. His loved ones include a number of nieces, nephews, and friends, many of whom were former students. Dr. Harris was valedictorian of his Morganton High School class. He received the Associate in Arts degree from Mars Hill College where he was awarded a medal for scholarship, character, and manners. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wake Forest College in 1944, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a major in Greek. At Yale University he was awarded the Master of Divinity and the Master of Sacred Theology degrees. At Duke University he received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1952. Dr. Harris taught for forty years, with thirty-three of them at Wake Forest University in the Department of Classical Languages and Literature. He also taught at Mars Hill College, East Carolina University, University of Dubuque (Iowa), and worked for one year in mental and penal institutions in Virginia. In 1967, he published a book, Origen of Alexandria's Interpretation of the Teacher's Function in the Early Christian Hierarchy and Community. At Wake Forest University he was given the Award for Excellence in Advising Students in 1988 and the Jon Reinhardt Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1990. He belonged to the American Philological Association, the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, the North American Patristic Society, the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, and the American Association of University Professors. He was a member of Wake Forest Baptist Church on the campus of Wake Forest University. Through the kindness of a very dear friend he was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation for his commitment to its common goals of world understanding and peace. Carl lived his life with love and concern for all people and was nonjudgmental in all his relationships. He was known for making a commitment to bringing heaven to earth. He encouraged others to use their knowledge and ability to better the world. He believed, as did Henry Drummond, "To love abundantly is to live abundantly, and to love forever is to live forever." Memorials may be made to Student Financial Aid at Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7246, Winston-Salem, NC 27109; to Salemtowne Retirement Community, 1000 Salemtowne Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106; or to Crisis Control Community, 200 East 10th Street, Winston-Salem, NC, 27101. Dr. Harris donated his body to Wake Forest University School of Medicine. There will be no formal service or visitation at this time. The family and friends of Carl Harris would like to express their deep appreciation for the kindness and care given to him in the Palliative Care Unit and other hospital units at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Hospice.

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