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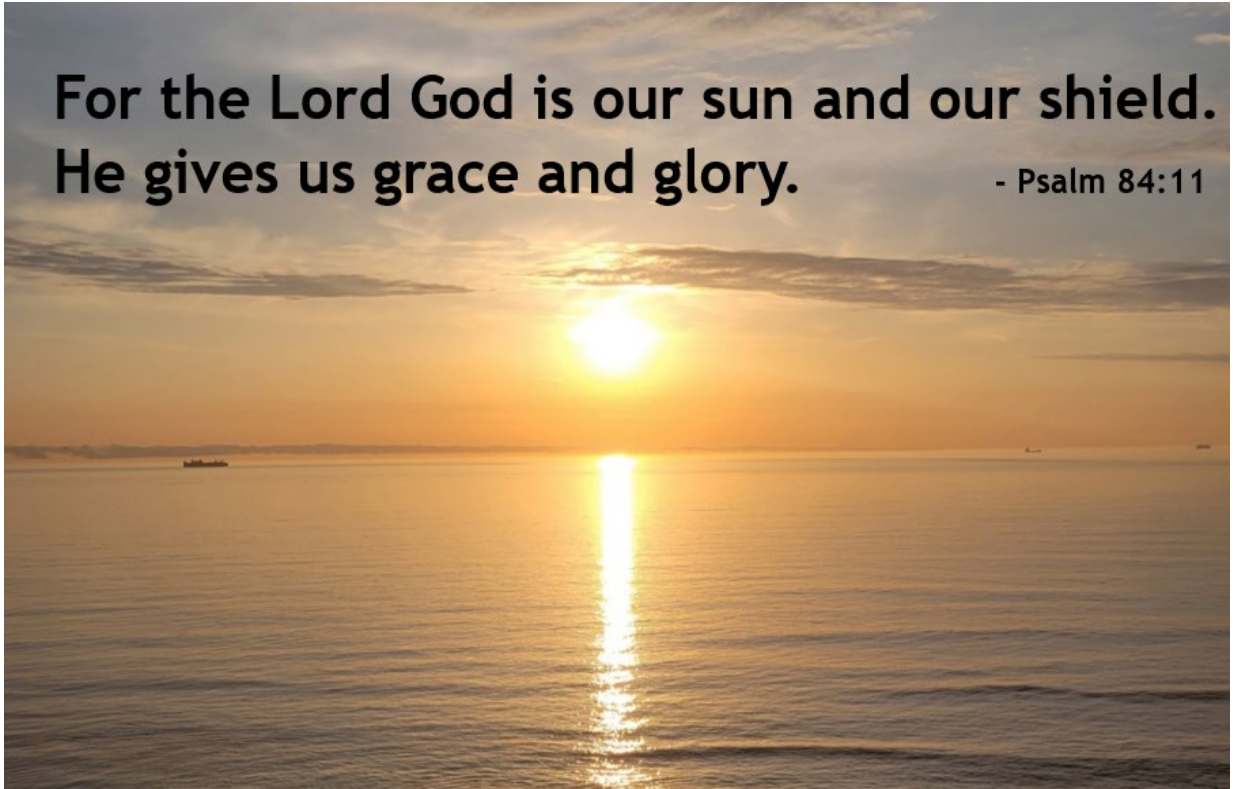
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**For the Lord God is our sun and our shield.
He gives us grace and glory.**

- Psalm 84:11



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AND

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

FOR THE LIFE OF

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PRELUDE

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William H. Monk, Arr. Kevin Olson

WELCOME AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

+ CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 121*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

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

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

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

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Let us worship God!

+ HYMN

Abide with Me

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1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

I Surrender All

Morelle Fokwa, Soloist

Gina Gollo, Violinist

Justin Streletz, Pianist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 KJV

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 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.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS AND REMEMBRANCES

- ✝ Biography of Grace Lily Ofosu-Addo
- ✝ Tribute from the Children
- ✝ Tribute from Grandchild
- ✝ Special Song

Patience Addo
Stephen Ofosu-Addo Jr.
Gina Gollo

Our School is Built on a Hill

Aburi Old Girls Association Anthem

**Our school is built on a hill
Bepow so hann is our motto
We are always victorious
As we work in God's name
O Aburi Girls' O Aburi Girls'
O Aburi mighty eagles
We shall never lose our fame!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NRSV

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Hymn of Heaven

Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, and Phil Wickham (CCLI#: 7168994)
Martin Andrews, Soloist

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:35,37-39 NRSV

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

1. Ɔhɔho ne mamfrani
na meƷ wɔ fam ha.
M'asase mmɛn ha baabi,
minni fi pa wɔ ha.

Ɔhaw, ɔbrɛ, amane
na Ʒɔde tu ha kwan;
n'ɔsoro hɔ na Nyame
bɛma mahome sann.

2. So mamfi me mmofraase
manhya haw ne brɛ,
ahoguan ne amane,
ɔko ne ɔpere?

Mannya nea me kɔn ɔɔ,
m'ani anwie gye;
enti mema m'anan so
na mentena ha menkyɛ

3. Ʒha amane kwan no,
bebree adi so kan;
Onyame adiyifo,
ne ne man mu mpanyin.

Boasetɔ ne gyidi
na wɔde tuu wɔn kwan;
na wɔn akyi na medi
wɔ nkwa ne wu nyinaam.

1. I am a sojourner here,
a stranger I'm on earth.
My home is far from this world
my home is not of this earth.

With pain and hardship and toil,
I travel here on this earth.
Heaven where God Himself dwells
There is the home for me.

2. From childhood I have struggled,
And still wrestle with life.
Distress and troubles and sin,
The battle has been fierce.

What I seek, I cannot get,
My heart is not in this world.
I must be ready to leave,
I must not stay here long.

3. The way of life here is hard,
Throngs had already passed
The prophets and men of old,
Great men of faith had passed.

With patience and with great faith,
They journeyed, traveled this earth.
And I shall follow them soon,
Follow in life and death

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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

+ COMMENDATION AND BENEDICTION

+ POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace
Justin Streletz, Pianist

NEW BRITAIN, Arr. Joel Raney

+ FAMILY ESCORTED FROM THE SANCTUARY AND TO THEIR CARS

A graveside interment service will be held at Woodbine Cemetery at 1:00 PM following this service. A reception will follow at First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, VA at 1:30 PM.









When I must leave you for a little while,
please do not grieve and shed wild tears
and hug your sorrow through the years.
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
and for my sake and in my name, live on
and do all things the same. Feed not your
loneliness on empty days but fill each
waking hour in useful ways.

Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
and I in turn will comfort you and hold you
near. And never, never be afraid to die.
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to the Ofoosu-Addo family with proceeds being split 3 ways: college fund for 1) Gina 2) Bryson and 3) a donation will be made to the church.

Alternatively, please consider donating to support breast cancer awareness and treatment. . .

African American Breast Cancer Alliance
(AABCA)

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Grace Lily Ofosu-Addo, née Anno-Kwakye, age 69 of Dale City, VA went to be with her Lord and Savior on October 27, 2022 surrounded by her family and friends. Loving mother of Edna V. Ofosu-Addo, Leonard E. Ofosu-Addo, Stephen B. Ofosu-Addo, Jr. (Marie-Eve Tremblay), Sandy B. Ofosu-Addo (Casey Ofosu-Addo), and Stanley B. Ofosu-Addo. Cherished grandmother of Regina Gollo, and Bryson Ofosu-Addo. Dear sister of Joyce Anno-Kwakye, Emmanuel Anno-Kwakye, Ebenezer Anno-Kwakye, Daniel Anno-Kwakye, Mercy Boachie and Patience Addo. Beloved daughter of the late Reverend E. R. Anno-Kwakye and Betty Adokarley Barnor. Grace was predeceased by her husband, Stephen Balfour Ofosu-Addo and her three sisters Vida, Milicent, and Friedel. Grace worked as the Owner and Director of Betty's Place, Inc. She loved her family and her God. She will be missed by all who knew her!