A Service Of

Witness to the Resurrection

and a celebration for the life of

Donald Haight Winn

January 4, 1934 – January 28, 2026



Government Street Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1



Pre-Service Music **Ashokan Farewell** ***Jay Ungar***

Silvia Rath, ***Violin***

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Sounding of the Hour

Prelude **Prayer of St Gregory** ***Alan Hohvanes***

Chip Herrington, ***Trumpet***

Welcome Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar

Prayer

✠Hymn 331 **God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings Michael Winn
Kim Campi

Psalm 23

Isaiah 40: 31

John 14: 1-4

Romans 8: 35, 37-39

✠Hymn 643 **Now Thank We All Our God**

Expressions of Thanksgiving David Winn

Homily



Music **I'll Fly Away**

David Winn, ***Guitar***
Dennis Gould, ***Guitar***

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 611** **Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

✠**Commendation and Blessing**

Postlude **Amazing Grace**

Chip Herrington, ***Trumpet***

Friends and Family are invited to a reception
at the Guesnard House.

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Rebekah Abel Lamar, Senior Pastor
Chris Nemec, Director of Music and Organist

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.
Psalm 116:15

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Donald Haight Winn, a lifelong resident of Mobile, Alabama, passed away on January 28, 2026, after a brief illness. With him were his wife of 65 years, Anita Winn, and his sister, Linda Winn Grill. He was 92.

Qualities often cited when describing Don are kindness, gentleness, and decency. He strove to see the best in people and went out of his way to make them feel welcome. He was genuinely broad minded, and humble in the sense of understanding that we all see through a glass darkly, and that when considering another person's flaws and shortcomings, one should also be mindful of one's own. He had a gentle but very keen sense of humor. He was quick to laugh, kind, welcoming, solid, and trustworthy.

Don, along with his four siblings—Harold, Mildred, Linda and Lawrence—were raised by their mother, Annie Winn, and grandmother and grandfather, Margaret Haight and Frank Haight, known to the family as Little Mama and Papa. Don's father, a merchant seaman, died young. The family lived in the Down the Bay section of Mobile, and their home was enlivened by frequent visits from a large extended family of aunts and uncles and cousins. As one cousin describes it, the family were "merry-hearted people" with a "gene for joy" who genuinely delighted in each other's company.

Don attended local public schools and graduated from Murphy High School in 1951. Upon graduation he went to work at the First National Bank of Mobile as a bank messenger, and spent 34 years there, rising to the level of Assistant Vice President within the Purchasing Department. His tenure at the bank was interrupted for two years in the 1950s while he served in the US Army. He was also active in the Mobile Association of Purchasing Management, serving for a time as President and Director of National Affairs. He later worked for nine years as General Manager at Richard Young of South Alabama Inc.

In 1959, he met his soon-to-be wife, Anita. They married in 1960, had a son, David in 1961, and a second son, Michael, in 1963. They experienced tragedy when Michael was struck by a car in front of their home at age 3. Michael's condition was precarious, but the two of them lived at the hospital for weeks while his condition improved and devoted much of their lives thereafter to his recovery and flourishing. Michael is now a longtime employee of the Mobile Public Library.

Don was a man of faith. He was a longtime member of Government Street Presbyterian Church. He served as both a Deacon and an Elder, and attended services and participated in Christian education activities regularly there from young adulthood until the final years of his life. For him the church was a beloved community and a source of spiritual and intellectual nourishment.

Don had a great love of popular music, jazz in particular, but also rock and folk and pop. He was an early adopter of hi-fi — he built an impressive collection of 78 rpm and vinyl recordings — and attended live music shows across the Gulf Coast throughout his life, including an appearance by an up and coming Rockabilly singer named Elvis Presley at the Radio Ranch club in 1955.

Don was a voracious reader. He loved genre fiction and classics and read widely in contemporary literary fiction. One of the very last novels he read was "The Neon Bible," John Kennedy Toole's portrait of the small town American South during the Depression and Second World War.

Don was an amateur athlete and sports enthusiast. He played ball games on the streets of Mobile as a child, played amateur basketball and softball well into adulthood. He was also an avid fisherman and spent many hours casting lines and floundering in the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Mobile Bay.

He died in the city in which he was born, and which he loved, and will be missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Don's mother, Anna Margaret Haight Winn, died in 2004, and his father, Arthur Harold Winn, died in 1956. Survivors include his wife, Helen Anita Winn, his sons, David and Michael, his sisters, Linda Winn Grill and Mildred Mooneyham, his brothers Harold and Lawrence, and numerous cousins, friends, and brothers and sisters in Christ.