# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

*A parish in the Diocese of North Carolina*

August 21, 2026, 2:00 PM

*William Holt Williamson III — May 30, 1931 — August 1, 2026*

## Welcome to St. Peter's

This leaflet includes an order of service for worship and other important information.

**Assistance.** If you need any assistance, an usher or host can direct you to restrooms, space for nursing mothers, childcare, and other parts of our campus. Assistive listening devices are also available.

**Parking.** Free parking is available in the parking deck across 7th Street from the Church. Pick up a payment voucher from the 7th Street Lobby or the N. Tryon Street entry tower and scan it when leaving the parking deck. Handicapped and valet parking are also available for those needing additional assistance.

**New to St. Peter's?** Please complete a Connect Card and leave it in the offering plate or give it to an usher, host, or member of the clergy. You can also tell us about yourself online via the "Visit St. Peter's" tab at **st-peters.org**.

**Giving**. As Christians, we believe that all we have, from our talents, to our energy, to our financial resources, is a gift from God. Giving out of the abundance of those blessings is an act of faith, like worship, prayer, and service, and strengthens our relationship with God and with each other. If you would like to know more about how to give of your talents and energy, please let a member of our clergy know and they will gladly connect you with the various ministries of the parish. You can make a financial gift through the offering plate or on our website: **st-peters.org**.

You can also make a long-term pledge of support online, or by filling out a pledge form and dropping in the offering plate. A pledge is simply an estimate of what you plan to give in 2026, and helps our vestry, clergy, and lay-volunteers envision how we will answer God's call in the coming year.

**Our Mission**
To nurture a community of courageous followers of Jesus and inspire love of God and love of neighbor.

**Our Vision**
To be a place of unconditional welcome and a beacon of God's love in the heart of Charlotte.

### About this Service

The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we too, shall be raised.

The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that "neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor 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 joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.

– The Book of Common Prayer

## Taking Part in Worship

*Worship in the Episcopal Church is based on old and established customs. Whether or not you are familiar with our worship style, this order of service includes details to help you participate with more ease. Generally speaking, we sit to listen to the scripture lessons and the sermon, and we stand to sing, to recite the Creed, and to listen to the Gospel Lesson proclaimed at the Eucharist. When it comes to prayer, both standing and kneeling are ancient and accepted practices—so please feel free to stand or kneel during our prayers, whichever most enriches your worship.*

*If you need assistance hearing the service, pick up a hearing assistance device from the basket just outside the Chapel.*

*Before worship, please observe quiet for prayer and meditation, and silence any device that may disturb you or your neighbor.*

*Further instructions are listed throughout this leaflet. Congregational responses for the service are printed in* ***boldface*** *type.*

Organ Voluntaries

# The Burial of the Dead, Rite II

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

*The Celebrant then says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Bill. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*The people sit. Lessons, as appointed, are read.*

A Reading from the Book of Job.

**Job 19:21–27a, read by Jim Shannonhouse.**

Job said,
"Have pity on me, have pity on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
Why do you, like God, pursue me,
never satisfied with my flesh?
O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The Celebrant introduces a portion of the Psalter appointed for today's service.*

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me.*

**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 for ever.**

A Reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

**Revelation 7:9–17, read by Charlie Caldwell.**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

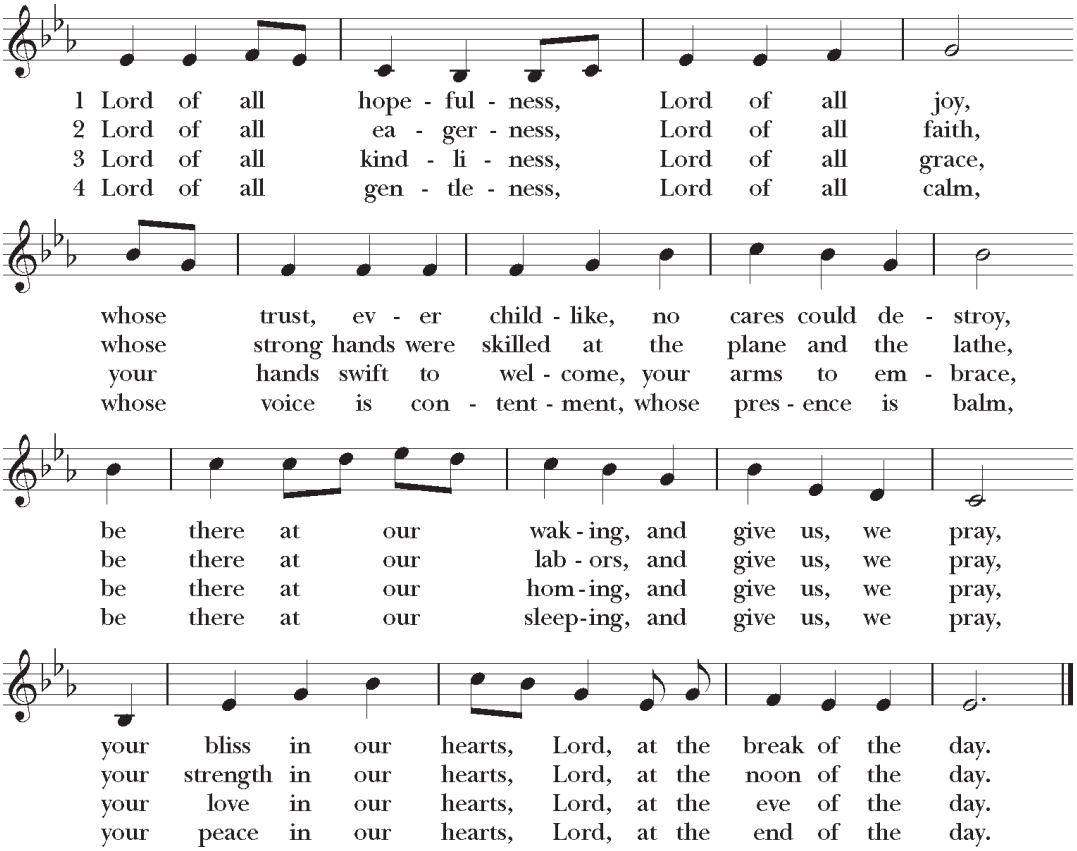
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand and join in the singing of a hymn.*




Hymn 482 from *Hymnal 1982*.
Words: Jan Struther (1901–1953).
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody;
adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927.

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**John 11:21–27.**

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother, Lazarus, would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Homily** The Reverend Jacob E. Pierce

*The Apostles' Creed may then be said, all standing. The Celebrant may introduce the Creed with these or similar words*

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

*Celebrant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**
**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**
**and born of the Virgin Mary.**
**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**
**He descended to the dead.**
**On the third day he rose again.**
**He ascended into heaven,**
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy catholic Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 trespasses,**
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation,**
**but deliver us from evil.**
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

For our brother Bill, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Bill, and dry the tears of those who weep.
**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.
**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.
**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.
**Hear us, Lord.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.
**Hear us, Lord.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.
**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

*Silence may be kept.*

*The Celebrant concludes with the following or some other prayer*

Father of all, we pray to you for Bill, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**.

Anthem *Goin' Home* — Will Burton-Edwards, *soloist*

Going home, going home,
I'm just going home,
Quiet like some still day,
I'm just going home.

It's not far, just close by,
Through an open door.
Work all done, care laid by,
Going to fear no more.

Mother's there expecting me,
Father's waiting too,
Lots of folks gathered there,
All the friends I knew.
All the friends I knew.
Home, home, I'm going home.

Nothing lost, all's gained.
No more fret, no pain,
No more stumbling on the way,
No more longing for the day.
Going to roam no more.

Morning star lights the way,
Restless dream all done,
Shadows gone, break of day,
Real life's just begun.

There's no break, there's no end,
Just a living on,
Wide awake, with a smile,
Going on and on.

Going home, going home,
I'm just going home,
It's not far, just close by,
Through an open door,
I'm just going home,
Going home.

—William Arms Fisher (1861–1948)

## The Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places at the body.*

*This anthem, or some other suitable anthem, or a hymn, may be sung or said*

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
**where sorrow and pain are no more,**
**neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,**
**where sorrow and pain are no more,**
**neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The Celebrant says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bill. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen**.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen**.

*Join in the singing of a hymn.*

Hymn 376 from *Hymnal 1982*. Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852–1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy,* Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796–1867), alt.

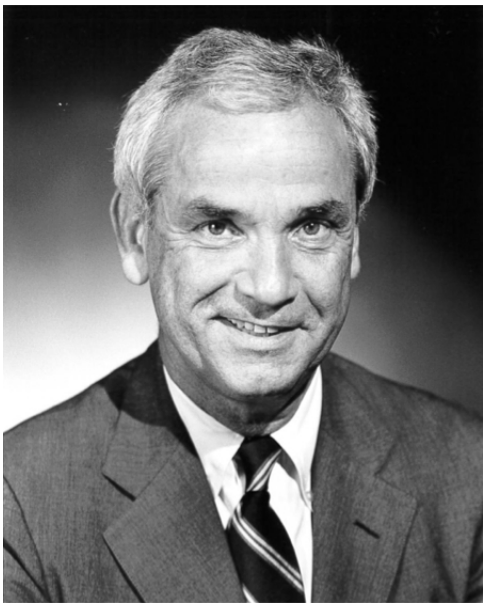
*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the Congregation.*

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Voluntary**

***A reception follows in the Martha Bowles Parish Hall.***

# William Holt Williamson III – May 30, 1931 – August 1, 2026



William Holt Williamson, III, who passed away on August 1, 2026, was so proud of his roots as a Charlottean that his definition of "patriotism" included loyalty not only to the United States of America but to his native city and state as well.

Family members and close friends remember him both for his vocational success as an investment advisor and his avocational success as a golfer. Those familiar with his community leadership remember him for his extraordinary service to some of the region's best-known civic and charitable organizations.

Known as "Bill Will," to avoid confusion with a father and grandfather bearing the same name, he was born at Presbyterian Hospital on May 30, 1931, to William Holt Williamson Jr. and Martha Lee Williamson. Always proud of his longevity, he enjoyed reminding friends that the President at the time of his birth was Herbert Hoover.

Reflecting on the course that his life took over the years, he once said it could be divided into four distinct phases. His "childhood" phase was noteworthy, he remembered, for some of the challenges that occurred during the period of history when he grew up. These included the Great Depression, World War II-era rationing, and a number of nationwide epidemics for which no cures or vaccinations existed.

His "golfing" phase, during which life revolved around his passion for the game, started at roughly age 7 and ran to age 26.

His "investor" phase, during which he strove to perfect the skills that would sustain his professional life for decades, started up in earnest after age 26.

And he took special pride in the "philanthropic" phase of his life, which was apparent at every age but especially so during his later years. His primary goal as a philanthropist, he said, was "devoting time, talent and treasure to the organizations that were making a difference in a truly big way."

Bill Will learned early on that starting life in a state of relative affluence is no shield from heartbreak. While only 13 years old he lost his mother to cancer and his father to an aneurism suffered during service as a lieutenant commander in the Navy during World War II. His father, Bill Williamson Jr., was a skilled pilot, assigned to the American embassy in Brazil, who spent the war years flying diplomats to and from nearly every country in South America.

Even at a young age Bill Will demonstrated a characteristic that would manifest itself many times in the future: an ability to overcome adversity in a positive manner. After the loss of his parents, he lived under the guardianship of his father's sister, Sarah Williamson Everett Lamb, who cared for Bill Will and his late sister, Mary Martin Williamson Borden.

After attending junior high school for a time in Rockingham NC, he transferred to Episcopal High School (EHS) in Alexandria VA. The move fulfilled his father's aspiration that Bill Will attend EHS, but it short-circuited his own aspiration to play scholastic golf. Having no opportunities to play at Episcopal, he moved back to Charlotte and enrolled at Belmont Abbey Prep.

"I think I may have been the only Protestant there," he said, "but the good fathers played an important role in my growth and indulged my passion for golf. They even looked the other way when I hitchhiked down Wilkinson Boulevard to play golf at Charlotte County Club."

Bill Will's father had first introduced him to golf at the age of five, based on a conviction that "golf was a game you could enjoy your entire life." That sentiment proved to be remarkably prescient. Many years later, when he was a student at UNC-Chapel Hill, Bill Will garnered All-American status in the sport he had learned to play at such a young age. The honor came following a runner-up finish at the 1953 NCAA national championship. He completed the work for his bachelor's degree that same year, with a major in business economics.

His subsequent golfing achievements included winning the Charlotte City Amateur and multiple club championships at both Charlotte and Quail Hollow County Clubs. He played in and won many other amateur golfing events throughout the country.

In the process, he had a chance to rub elbows with some of the preeminent golfers of the 1950s and 1960s. His personal favorites were golfing icons Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and E. Harvie Ward. (Ward, whose name is not as well-known, won back-to-back U.S. amateur championships and coached Bill Will at UNC.) One of the highlights of the "golfing phase" of his life was seeing his idols play in person at the Charlotte Open PGA.

Despite his idolization of Hogan and Nelson, Bill Will said the best golf pro he ever saw was the athlete who literally defined golf success in the late 20th Century: Jack Nicklaus. Bill Will qualified for the National Amateur Tournament five times, the last time being in 1959, when he carried Nicklaus to the 17th hole. Falling behind as he played those final two holes, Bill Will endured the same fate as some of the world's best golfers. Even late in life, however, he never failed to take delight in remembering the match that almost was.

Bill Will's level of talent was such that he played on the PGA Winter Tour Circuit after graduating from college and completing a two-year stint in the Army. During this period, in fact, he played as an amateur in seven different PGA events. Ultimately, however, he put aside his dream of being a golf pro when other priorities intervened.

He wanted to spend more time with his autistic son Holt, and he needed to devote more time to the correspondence courses he was taking to learn more about his new passion: managing investments.

His career in that field took off quickly, thanks to the mentorship of a well-known Charlotte stockbroker named Ralph Van Landingham Jr. Van Landingham recognized early on that Bill Will possessed two qualities necessary for success in the financial services industry. He had developed a knack for picking stocks, coupled with an extraordinary gift for salesmanship.

Accordingly, he started out in 1956 as a registered representative with Harris Upham, which later merged with Smith Barney. In 1962 he was appointed Resident Manager for Reynolds & Co., and three years later he became a General Partner at that firm. Reynolds & Co. was subsequently known as Dean Witter Reynolds, and then Morgan Stanley.

In 1985, while still at Dean Witter Reynolds, he started a second enterprise called Williamson Investors LP, one of North Carolina's earliest hedge funds. After "retiring" from Morgan Stanley in 1996, he devoted all of his time to the hedge fund, which was transferred in 2000 to James Myers and in 2004 to Coy Monk of Afton Capital.

Bill Will was quick to say that running a hedge fund is not a job for the faint-of-heart; nonetheless, over time, his skill and determination contributed to a steady growth in assets from $3 million to over $30 million. Even after relinquishing control of the business, he remained active as a senior advisor at Afton Capital. He wore many hats there, including pro bono portfolio management for a number of charitable, educational and religious organizations.

While many investment advisors favor the diversification benefits provided by index funds, Bill Will always enjoyed the challenge of picking individual stocks. And he backed up his instincts with a dogged commitment to learning as much as he could about the businesses he was recommending and the people who were running those businesses. "When you're dealing with Wall Street there are no guarantees," he was fond of saying, "but the odds of success improve considerably when you do your homework."

Overall, he attributed his success in investing to the same characteristics he had cultivated as a golfer: competitiveness, resilience and intense preparation. "Golf and investing have a lot in common" he used to say. "Neither is a team sport. Whether you're swinging a club, or making a buy/sell decision, it's all on you. You have to be able to handle adversity and not let it destroy you if you make a mistake. You have to admit the mistake, get over it quickly and move on. The piece that many people struggle with is getting over it quickly."

Early in his investment career Bill Will had another key mentor, an uncle named Martin Lee, who emphasized the importance of community service. At the time Bill Will completed his military service, Uncle Martin was serving a term as President of the newly created Charlotte Arts Fund (which later became the "Arts & Science Council" or ASC). Lee quickly enlisted his nephew to help raise funds. That early experience propelled him into a series of involvements with some of the city's best-known and most impactful non-profit organizations.

Over time, Bill Will served as the President or Chair of many different organizations, including ASC; Alexander Youth Network; Mint Museum of Art; Spirit Square; Charlotte Mecklenburg Art Commission; Greater Charlotte Cultural Trust; and St. Peters Episcopal Church Endowment.

His board positions included Charlotte Opera; Duke Mansion; Central Piedmont Community College Foundation; McColl Center for Visual Arts; Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden; Foundation for the Carolinas; and St. Peters Hospital Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, the orchid conservatory there was named in his honor in 2022. It is now known as the "William H. Williamson III Orchid Conservatory."

Having fiduciary responsibility for these types of organizations is no simple task; it requires active oversight, policy guidance and strategic planning. In addition, most charitable boards expect members to donate generously and encourage others to do the same. Bill Will had extraordinary success in this regard. "Fundraising makes some people uncomfortable," he once said, "but I wasn't intimidated by the process. The organizations I served needed people who could ask for the big gift and not back away. I was fine with that."

While some business leaders seek out charitable assignments as résumé builders, or simply accept them as an inevitable expectation, Bill Will was driven by a self-proclaimed "patriotic desire" to make his city and state better.

"He was, quite simply, a force for good," one fellow board member recalls. "He was a giver, not a taker, and that was apparent in everything he did."

Those familiar with his fundraising success have estimated that over $100 million was raised in the campaigns he led over the years. Equally significant, however, was the quiet work he did behind the scenes to provide help where help might be needed. "An awful lot of his impact occurred through actions that don't show up in a biography," one friend said. "You can look almost anywhere in Charlotte and find a person whose life trajectory was altered for the better because Bill Will intervened at a critical time. It may well be that the bigger part of his impact actually came from actions that fell below the radar."

In addition to his philanthropic work, Bill Will held leadership positions in a number of clubs and organizations related to personal and professional interests. These included the Southern Golf Association, the U.S. Seniors Golf Association (USSGA), Charlotte County Club, Quail Hollow Club, Linville Golf Club and the Union League Club of New York. He also served as Vice President of the Bulls Investment Association and President of the N.C. Security Traders Association.

In 2022, after 30 years of involvement in USSGA, he was accorded the organization's highest form of recognition, the William C. Campbell Award. It is given annually for outstanding service to USSGA and outstanding lifetime achievements as an amateur golfer.

Other noteworthy recognitions during his lifetime included Charlotte News "Man of the Year" (1976), "Order of the Long Leaf Pine" (2012), and the "A.E. Finley Order of Merit," given for outstanding support of the golf programs at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Finally, friends remember him as a dedicated family man who is survived by two children from his first marriage to Jane Fearing Williamson. He was a loving, patient and compassionate caregiver for his autistic son Holt, who is currently retired and living in Charlotte. Bill Will's daughter CeCe, who resides in Ocala, Florida, is a University of Virginia graduate widely known and respected for her professional work in youth development and her personal achievements in horsemanship.

He is also survived by his second wife, Patricia Shaver Locke Williamson, to whom he was married for 45 years. Bill Will and Pat met when she was working to develop the Spirit Square Arts Center, and he was raising funds to support the same initiative. Pat was serving on Charlotte City Council at the time, and in that capacity represented the city on Spirit Square's governing board.

Bill Will never hesitated to say how blessed he was to have a "fantastic marriage" with Pat, and a relationship that was "terrific in every respect." He felt particularly fortunate that Pat was able to accompany him on trips around the world, thanks to a series of excursions led by the late Dr. Billy Wireman, who served as President of Queens University of Charlotte from 1978 to 2002.

"I liked to tell people," he once said, "that I got my bachelor's degree from Chapel Hill and my MBA traveling with Billy." He described the excursions as "cultural and educational highlights," which included visits with heads of state (such as Mikhail Gorbachev), ambassadors, governmental leaders, top medical personnel and educators. Destinations were located all over the globe, from Cuba to Greece to Taiwan.

Other survivors include Pat's four grandchildren: Nicola Locke, Sean (Sabrina) Locke, Christopher (Melissa) Locke and James P. Locke; and four great grandchildren: Andrew Locke, Evan Locke, Tucker Locke and Logan Locke. Bill was close to each one of them and considered himself lucky that they were such an important part of his life.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 115 West 7th Street, Charlotte NC 28202 (704-332-7746).

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 21, 2026 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 115 West 7th Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

Arrangements are in the care of Kenneth W. Poe Funeral & Cremation Service, 1321 Berkeley Ave., Charlotte, NC 28204; (704) 641-7606. Online condolences may be shared at www.kennethpoeservices.com.

# The Commendation & Committal
# St. Peter's Chapel – 1:00 PM

## Reception of the Body

*The following form may be used at whatever time the body is brought to the church.*

*The Celebrant meets the body at the door of the church and says*

With faith in Jesus Christ, we receive the body of our brother Bill for burial. Let us pray with confidence to God, the Giver of life, that he will raise him to perfection in the company of the saints.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

Deliver your servant, Bill, O Sovereign Lord Christ, from all evil, and set him free from every bond; that he may rest with all your saints in the eternal habitations; where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us also pray for all who mourn, that they may cast their care on God, and know the consolation of his love.

*Silence may be kept; after which the Celebrant says*

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Commendation

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**neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The Celebrant says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Bill. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

## The Committal

*The following anthem is said*

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me;
I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead
will also give new life to our mortal bodies
through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

*Then, while earth is cast upon the urn, the Celebrant says these words*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Bill, and we commit his body to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

*Then may be said*

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord;
**And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Parish Clergy and Staff

The Reverend Jacob E. Pierce *Rector*
The Reverend Amanda C. Stephenson *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Robin O. Sands *Deacon*
Jessie Ary *Stewardship Coordinator*
Micah Belong *Discernment Intern*
Rob Burlington *Assistant Choirmaster*
Leigh Dixon *Parish Administrator*
Scott Dixon *Facilities Manager*
Allison Elrod *Director of Stewardship*
James Gary *Facilities Assistant*
Lyn Holt *Director of Youth Formation*
Anna Hurdle *Director of Children's Formation*
Elizabeth Lenti *Director of Music and Organist*
Kayla Newsome *Communications Associate*
Andrew Pester *Associate Organist and Choirmaster*
Marty Reep *Sunday Front Desk*
Michael Talbert *Clergy Assistant*

## Affiliated Clergy

The Right Reverend Mary Gray-Reeves; the Reverend Stuart H. Hoke, ThD; the Reverend Keith C. Lane; the Reverend L. Murdock Smith, PhD; the Reverend A. Donald Wiesner, STM.

*To reach a member of the parish staff via email, use the secure form on our website: www.st-peters.org/staff.*

## Office Volunteers

Candace Armstrong, Bob Atkins, Diana Gibbs, Sue Martin, Phyllis Ferguson.

## Prayer List and Prayer Requests

To submit a prayer request for the Prayer List, complete the "Prayer Request" card in the pew rack, visit www.st-peters.org, or contact Clergy Assistant Michael Talbert (mtalbert@st-peters.org, 704-749-6141). Names will be listed, after consent, for two weeks, unless a longer period is requested. Intercessions are offered during Sunday and weekday worship, and daily by the Clergy and Pastoral Care Team.

## Pastoral Care Administration

The Clergy and Pastoral Care Team collaborate on a variety of pastoral ministries offered to parishioners. While certain concerns may be confidential between the Clergy and the individual, other concerns may not be. If you wonder about or are missing a parishioner, please contact the individual directly or a member of the Clergy. Pastoral Care Team Members are Jo Anne Blackstone, Lauren Burn, Ginny Brien, Neil Broncaccio, Phyllis Ferguson, John Hall, Pat Markel, Steve White.

## Parish Office Hours and Clergy On Call

Clergy and Staff, Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m–4:30 p.m. Clergy On Call: For pastoral emergencies or hospitalizations concerning a parishioner, please call 704-749-6175 to reach a member of the Clergy.

## The Vestry

**Class of 2026** John Buric, Susan Cooper, Mike Hickman, Peter Morgan
**Class of 2027** Aubrey Gilleran, Maria Long, Grant Mitchell, Gary Wald
**Class of 2028** Mark Boyd, Abigail Cudabac, John Hall, Deje McGavran
**Treasurer** David Lavoie (non-Vestry member)

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# Serving Today

**Officiant & Preacher** The Reverend Jacob E. Pierce
**Assisting** The Reverend Amanda C. Stephenson
**Lectors** Jim Shannonhouse, Charlie Caldwell
**Verger** Jim Shannonhouse
**Crucifer** Charlie Caldwell
**Ushers** Michael Baker, Matt Knox, Tom Allen, Katherine Everett
**Organist** Elizabeth Lenti

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*The doors of the church are open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM for private prayer, reflection, and meditation.*