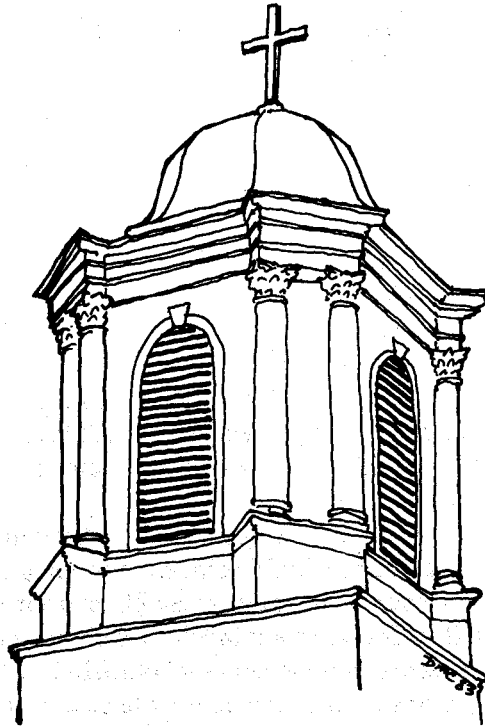


Charles White Wiecking

February 19, 1925 – March 14, 2004



St. John's Episcopal Church
Norwood Parish

6701 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815

In Celebration of the Life of
Charles White Wiecking
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March 20, 2004, 11 AM
The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

Organ Preludes

Opening Sentences (*stand*)

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The Collect (*remain standing*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In unison: O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Charles, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: "O God, our help in ages past"

Hymnal # 680

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9 (*sit*)

read by John Wiecking

Psalms 121 (Choir) "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes"

Leo Sowerby

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-39

read by Carter Wiecking

Psalms 23 (*said in unison*)

King James Version, BCP p. 476

The Gospel (*stand*)

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 14:1-6a, 27

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Remembrances (*sit*)

Family Members

Homily

Susan Gresinger and Harrison West

The Apostles' Creed (*stand and say in unison*)

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The Prayers of the People (*remain standing and respond "Hear us, Lord" to each petition*)

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The Exchange of the Peace (*The people greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "How lovely is thy dwelling place" (Choir)

Johannes Brahms

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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The people stand until after the Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy...), at which point they may kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

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Agnus Dei (Choir) from "The Tisbury Service"

Richard Shepherd

Communion of the People

All who seek God or are drawn to Christ are welcome to receive both the bread and the cup from the Lord's Table. The custom at St. John's is to sip wine from a silver chalice or to intinct (dip bread) in a ceramic chalice. Adults and children who choose not to receive are invited to come forward for a blessing; arms crossed on the chest signal this choice.

Hymns: "Shall we gather at the river" (*sit*)
"Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

See inserted page
Hymnal #652

Post Communion Thanksgiving (*kneel and say in unison*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

In Paradisum (Choir) from "The Requiem" (*sit*)

G. Fauré

The Commendation (*stand and respond with the words printed in italics*)

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Hymn: "The strife is over" (*The Antiphon is sung before v.1 and after v.5.*)

Hymnal #208

Blessing and Dismissal: The **People** respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Recessional *The people are invited to join in the procession to the Memorial Garden for the Committal.*

THE COMMITTAL

Anthems

Committal Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Life

Prayer in the Evening (*in unison*)

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 your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.

Celebrant: Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord:

People: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

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

Dismissal: The **People** respond: **Thanks be to God.**

You are all invited to a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

Dr. Godshall will play selections on the chapel organ as the congregation moves from the garden to the Parish Hall.

Shall We Gather at the River



1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;—
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,—
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;—
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease,—



1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the _ throne of _ God?
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py _ gold - en _ day.
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a _ robe and _ crown.
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of _ peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful _ riv - er;



Gath - er with the saints _ at the riv - er That flows by the throne of _ God.

Words: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Music: Robert Lowry

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Susan M. Gresinger, Rector
The Rev. R. Harrison West, Associate Rector
Dr. H. Edwin Godshall, Jr., Organist

William E. Stahr, Crucifer
Claudia Greer, Susan Kennard,
Charles Warburton, and Penny Winder, Lay Eucharistic Ministers

*Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to
St. John's Church or to the American Cancer Society.*

CHARLES WHITE WIECKING

Charles White Wiecking, a retired Federal economist who was proud to call himself a "bureaucrat" and concentrated on church and community activities in his later years, died on March 14, 2004, at the Casey House hospice in Rockville after a bout with cancer and chronic bronchitis.

Born in Bluffton, IN, Charles ("Chuck" to many) attended Purdue briefly before serving in the U.S. Army from 1943 to 1946. He returned to Indiana and graduated from Indiana University in 1948 with a B.A. in Economics (Phi Beta Kappa). He continued studies and taught there one semester before coming to Washington, D.C., for a visit – and staying to work at the Bureau of the Budget. After a final semester at Indiana, he returned to Washington to join the Housing and Home Finance Agency. In 1953 he worked briefly for the Veterans Administration, but returned to the HHFA, which became the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. In 1957 he and others received a team commendation for "initiative and ingenuity in the study and research necessary to the establishment of the Flood Indemnity Program." In 1968-69 he was detailed to the new Federal Insurance Administration and was also assigned to a select UN seminar for government officials in Bruges, Belgium. In 1974 he resigned from HUD to join the newly created House Budget Committee, where he worked till his retirement from the Federal Government in 1979. He later held temporary assignments at the U.S. Railway Administration and U.S. Synthetic Fuels Corporation and served as adjunct professor at George Washington University.

On retirement, Charles turned to church and community activities. At his church, St. John's Norwood Parish, he served as Vestryman, Junior and (twice) Senior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, as well as chaliceist. He sang in the Choir for over 25 years and until his recent illness served as co-manager of the Opportunity Shop and as chair of the Memorial Garden. His 1981 performance as Koko in the parish production of "The Mikado" was memorable. He was also called on frequently to play ragtime or "potted palm" music at various functions in and out of the parish. He accompanied the chorus at Pyle Junior High for several years and served as precinct ballot box judge in election years. He also sang in the Choral Arts and Cathedral Choral Societies. He was a member of the Kenwood Country Club and the National Democratic Club.

In his retirement, Charles particularly enjoyed "monitoring communion" and organizing the other XSW's (former Senior Wardens) for the annual Pancake Supper. In 1990 he donated the small organ for the chapel and personally drove it in a large van to St. John's from its Kansas factory, where it had been specially created.

In recent years he and Nancy enjoyed travels to Egypt, Australia, Hawaii, the Caribbean, and Europe. Their final trip last fall was to a series of British cathedrals for evensongs.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Nancy Hutson, of Bethesda; three sons, John Christopher of Washington, David August of Bethesda and Alan Alexander of Seven Fountains, VA, and his daughter-in-law Carter Lucas and one grandson, Alexander ("Sandy") Charles Wiecking. His brother, Frederick, predeceased him.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S, NORWOOD! If we can be of any help to you, if you have a question or a suggestion please contact us at 301-654-7767 or e-mail us at stjohnsnorwood@edowmail.org.