

**Service of Remembrance and Celebration for  
Emma Jean Franklin Woodard  
Sunday, January 21, 2024**

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**Prelude**

**Choral Prayer**                      *In Need*                      Ross King

**Welcome**    Tim Harvey

**Scripture**                      Proverbs 31:10-31                      Anne Mitchell

**Affirmation of faith**

*The congregation responds in bold*

Since before we were born, God has known us. Knit together from God's great love, we are fearfully and wonderfully made!

**Wonderful are your works, Creator God; this we know very well.**

Since before the creation of the world, God has been waiting for us. Formed out of God's great love, we were made for a purpose!

**We are a people made and saved by the great grace of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.**

Throughout time and space God's call to "Come, follow me" has been offered to all. We have heard that call,

**and with saints past and present we say, "Here we are, Lord. We are ready to serve you. Send us!"**

**Invocation Prayer**    Anne Mitchell

You alone are holy and good, Almighty God. We thank you for crafting each of us in your image and giving us gifts and talents with which to serve you.

We thank you this day for Emma Jean Franklin Woodard, and for her faithfulness to you. For her gifts of love, compassion, leadership, administration, and faithfulness, we give you thanks.

May Emma Jean's faithfulness inspire our service to others and deepen our commitment to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn**                      *Will you let me be your servant*                      # 307

**Celebrating life and the faith we share**

Dan Rudy    John 10:1-18  
Ann Bach                      *Friendship with Christ*                      Colossians 3:12-17

**Hymn**                      *Turn your eyes upon Jesus* (refrain)                      insert

Carol Elmore                      *Walking Humbly with Her God*                      Micah 6:8

**Hymn**                      *I will change your name*                      # 1062

**Pastoral Prayer, with Lord's Prayer (unison)**                      Anne Mitchell

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**                      *Then Sings My Soul*                      arr. Mary McDonald  
(Virgina Choir and Instrumentalists)

**Benediction and Grace**    Tim Harvey

**Postlude**

*Emma Jean loved inviting people to open houses and feeding the multitudes. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the memorial service and share memories of Emma Jean as you enjoy a plate full of delicious food.*

*If you see that there is plenty of food left when it is time for you to leave, honor Emma Jean's memory by taking some with you to share with a friend, or a neighbor in need.*

**Instrumentalists:** Stephen Wills (*Oak Grove CoB*) – organ, piano; Ann Sledd (*Bethany CoB*) – piano; Kathie Robinson (*Oak Grove CoB*) – flute, Robin Lavinder (*Germantown Brick CoB*) – flute; Sam Phillips (*Oak Grove CoB*) – viola; Robb Shipp (*Antioch CoB*) – trombone; Ronald Robinson (*Oak Grove CoB*) – string bass

### **Emma Jean Franklin Woodard**

Emma Jean Franklin Woodard entered eternal rest on January 10, 2024. She was born on February 12, 1950, to the late Mary Effie Hall and Curtis Daniel Franklin. Emma was united in Holy matrimony to Edward C. Woodard, who survives.

Emma was a faithful wife and mother. She was active in her community.

Emma was a graduate of Bowie State University. She was licensed and ordained as a minister and served as interim pastor at Roanoke First Church of the Brethren from September 1993 - December 1993, Troutville Church of the Brethren from September 1994 - June 1995, and Cloverdale Church of the Brethren from September 1995 - July 1996. She later served as Associate District Executive minister at Virlina District from January 1, 2000 - April 21, 2017, interim pastor at Daleville Church of the Brethren from October 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017, Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren from June 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019, and Bethany Church of the Brethren from September 1, 2022 - January 10, 2024.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by her brother, Stuart Franklin; niece, Angela Franklin; sister-in-law, Carolyn Franklin, and father-in-law, Cornelius Dawson Woodard.

Those left to cherish Emma's memories are her loving and devoted husband, Edward Cornelius Woodard; daughter, Hope Elizabeth Staton; son, Nathan Cornelius Woodard; and grandson, Cornelius Cash Woodard. She also leaves two brothers, Russell Franklin and Ray Franklin; three nieces, Melissa Saunders, Michelle Pizarro, and Teresa Witten; nephew, Dean Franklin; two sisters-in-law, Edna Franklin and Carolyn Moulse and mother-in-law, Nella Zocchi Woodard.



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***A servant's heart—she did her best***

