



ALEXA HOUSE MISSION CENTER

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ALEXA HOUSE SERVICE OF DEDICATION

Sunday, May 12, 2024

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Finding direction by following Jesus.

✚ ALEXA HOUSE SERVICE OF DEDICATION ✚ MAY 12, 2024 5:00 P.M. ON SITE & ONLINE		
Gathering Music		
Welcome and Thanks	Dr. George C. Anderson, <i>Second Presbyterian Church</i> Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link, <i>Second Presbyterian Church</i>	
Prelude	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i> (Swedish Melody)	arr. Dale Wood
*Call to Worship	Kathy Stockburger, <i>Second Presbyterian Church</i> <i>Please stand as you are able for the Call to Worship:</i> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. We shall love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might. These words shall be upon our hearts. We shall teach them diligently to our children and talk of them when we sit in our houses, and when we walk by the way, and when we lie down and when we rise. And we shall bind them as a sign upon our hands, and they shall be as frontlets between our eyes. And we shall write them on the doorposts of our houses and on our gates. Let us worship God, And dedicate Alexa House as a place where God’s love can shine.	
*Hymn No. 1	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!</i>	
Opening Prayer	Rabbi Kathy Cohen, Dr. Div., <i>Temple Emanuel</i>	
A Reading: Matthew 18:20, Luke 17:21	Cathy Cannon, <i>Second Presbyterian Church</i>	
A Mother’s Reflection		
Offering of Music	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> (Ancient Irish Melody)	Albin C. Whitworth
A Reading: Matthew 25:31-40	Gates DeHart, <i>St. John’s Episcopal Church</i>	
The Ministry of Family Promise	Marie Muddiman Beebe, <i>Family Promise of Greater Roanoke</i>	
*Hymn No. 404	<i>What Is This Place</i>	
A Survivor’s Reflection	Helga Morrow, <i>Beth Israel Synagogue</i>	
A Reading: Romans 8:28	Dr. George C. Anderson	
A Pastor’s Reflection		
Call to the Offering**		
Offertory	<i>Today’s offering will go to the Alexa House Maintenance Fund of Second Presbyterian Church.</i> <i>If you would like your offering to honor your mother, grandmother, caregiver or anyone else, we invite you to write the name and contact information, and the church will notify the one honored.</i>	

Service of Dedication	Rev. Andrew C. Whaley, <i>Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church</i> <i>From Frederick Buechner in “The Longing for Home”:</i> “Our stories are all stories of searching. We search for a good self to be and for good work to do. We search to become human in a world that tempts us always to be less than human or looks to us to be more. We search to love and to be loved. And in a world where it is often hard to believe in much of anything, we search to believe in something holy and beautiful and life-transcending that will give meaning and purpose to the lives we live.”	
	Grounded in the memory of beloved friends and relatives, with commitment to Hope for a world God loves, we dedicate Alexa House. May the hungry here find food to sustain them. May the wandering find shelter from storm and cold and blazing heat. May the young find acceptance, guidance, and a place to belong. May this be a haven of safety and rest. Amen.	
Dedicatory Anthem	<i>This House And Home</i> Second Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir Director, Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg Organist, Marianne Sandborg <i>(A paraphrase of a traditional Gaelic home blessing)</i> God bless the corners of this house, and be the threshold blessed; and bless the hearth and every board, and bless each place of rest. God bless the door that opens wide to stranger and to kin; and bless each tiny window pane that lets the sunshine in. God bless the roofbeam overhead and every sturdy wall: this house for man, this home for God, his blessed peace and love on this home for all. Thoughts of family, thoughts of friends, these rooms hold their mem’ries bright; May our feet always find the path leading back to their glowing light. May the laughter and quiet tears enfold our days, in a hundred ways, and protect us through the night. <i>Reprise</i> ©1990 by Hinshaw Music	Gilbert M. Martin
Benediction	Dr. William Lee, <i>Retired Pastor, Loudon Avenue Christian Church</i>	
Choral Response	<i>The House of the Lord</i> <i>(Commissioned in 1991 to celebrate the centenary of Second Presbyterian Church)</i> Oh blest the house whate’er befall, Where Jesus Christ is Lord of all! For if he were not dwelling there, How dark and void and poor it were! Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in charity abound To trust in God and serve him still and do in all his Holy will. <i>Wo Gott zu Haus nit gibt sein Gunst</i> (vs 1-2) Christoph C. F. Pfeil (tr. Winkworth) ©1991 by Chester L. Alwes	Chester L. Alwes
Postlude	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	David Paxton
<hr/> *Please stand in body or spirit. CCLI #2642604. ONE LICENSE #A-742472.		
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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Alexa Cannon,

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About Family Promise of Greater Roanoke . . .

Family Promise of Greater Roanoke is committed to helping families with children experiencing homelessness achieve lasting independence by providing temporary shelter, case management, housing assistance, and aftercare services. Family Promise engages with compassionate volunteers, working every day with committed staff, board, and partners to transform the lives of children and parents in the Roanoke Valley. To learn about ways to volunteer and get involved with Family Promise of Greater Roanoke, scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera or visit <https://www.familypromiseroanoke.org/events>.



Immediately following the service . . .

After the service, you are invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Rita Magnus Memorial Playground behind Alexa House, to a reception in the courtyard of Second Presbyterian Church, and to tour the inside of Alexa House.

We thank the Second Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir, Dr. Jeffrey Sandborg (Director), and Marianne Sandborg (Organist) for providing the gift of music at today's service.

We also extend our gratitude to John Bryant and our friends at the Roanoke Co+op for providing refreshments at the reception.

Greeters

Nancy Bishop, Bill Blaylock, Ben Brannan

Ushers

Becky Battle, Kandy Elliott, Lucinda Hancock, Alice Holman

Alexa House Greeters

Susan Churchill, Robert Kulp, Matt Prescott

Reception

Roanoke Co+op, Robin Hobbs.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Alexa Cannon



Rita Magnus



Daniel Yardley

