



**DR. EUGENE M. MCKELVEY (GENE)** of Houston, Texas died in his sleep on February 3, 2023, at his home. He was born on June 13, 1934, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and was the only child of Eleanor Mowry and Eugene McKelvey. He attended Yale University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Physics. While Gene was at Yale, he joined the Yale Glee Club where singing became an integral part of his life. From Yale, Gene entered Johns Hopkins Medical School and in addition to his studies, he formed a singing group known as The DOA's (Dead on Arrival). Gene later rejoined Glee Club friends in the Yale Alumni Chorus. They toured around the world including Wales, the Kremlin, and South America. He continued to sing in many church choirs, most recently the St. Philip Presbyterian Church Choir.

Gene married Florence Gemmill on June 19, 1960, in Washington, D.C. They had two children, Florence Ann McKelvey, and Eugene M. McKelvey III. During 1960-62, Gene completed an Internship and Residency at Boston City

Hospital. It was then that the Berlin Wall was erected, and a doctors' draft was instituted by the United States Government requiring physicians to enter the armed services. Gene had previously served a summer working in the Public Health Service at The National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. He fulfilled his draft requirement from 1962-64 by returning to the NIH as a Clinical Associate. Gene became a Fellow and a Special Fellow in Hematology at Cleveland Clinic between 1964-66. In 1966, he moved to The V.A. Research Hospital and Northwestern Medical School in Chicago, Illinois, as a Hematologist and Professor of Medicine. In 1973 he became an Associate Professor at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. While there, Gene ultimately became Vice President for Academic Affairs and continued in that position until his retirement in 1996.

Gene was a life-long Presbyterian, ordained as a Ruling Elder in The Presbyterian Church (USA). He held many church offices including serving on the national General Assembly Council of The Presbyterian Church (USA), as chair of The World-Wide Ministries Committee, and as Moderator of New Covenant Presbytery. Gene and Florence have made many mission trips for the church over the span of 20 years. Gene also served as President of The Medical Benevolence Foundation Board of The Presbyterian Church (USA).

Aside from the love of his family, Gene's two main interests were music and working for the Presbyterian Church (USA). He was a very principled, honest man who had a great sense of humor and wit. He also was a real "fix-it" man. At the age of 18, he rewired his family's home, converting it from knob-and-tube wiring to modern standards. Gene was always designing and fabricating projects at home with wood, metal, or paint.

Gene is survived by his loving wife, Florence, their daughter Florence Ann, their son Eugene, and their respective families.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the organizations indicated below:

Presbyterian Church (USA) "World Mission," P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700 and add a note that this is a memorial donation in the name of Eugene McKelvey. You can also go to <https://www.pcusa.org/new-give/> and then selecting "World Mission" under Gifts to Support Presbyterian Mission. Select "This is a memorial donation" and type in Eugene McKelvey.

MD Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486. To give online, go to <http://www.mdanderson.org/gifts> and select Honor a Loved One. Click "Give in Memory Of..." and complete the page. Notification information is not required.



## THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 25, 2023

### A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

IN MEMORY OF

EUGENE M. MCKELVEY

JUNE 13, 1934 – FEBRUARY 3, 2023

## PRELUDE

Chorale Partita on *Freu dich sehr*  
("Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People")

Georg Böhm  
(1661–1733)

## OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## ✦ HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## ✦ PRAYER

Eternal God,  
our strength and our comfort, our hope and our help,  
your love cares for us in life and watches over us in death.  
We praise you for the great company  
of all those who have kept the faith,  
finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.  
Especially we thank you for Gene,  
whom you have now received into your presence.  
We are grateful for all he gave us,  
for the memories that will abide with us,  
and for the assurance that he lives forever  
in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
and grant us your grace, we pray,  
that as we face the mystery of death  
we may see the light of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

Holy One, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## ✦ DECLARATION

## REMEMBRANCES

Florence Ann McKelvey  
Marian McClure Taylor

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 5:14-21  
Revelation 5:8-14  
Luke 24:13-25

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*God Be in My Head*

Philip Wilby  
(b. 1949)

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing;

— words from the *Sarum Primer* (1514)

## SERMON

## SOLO

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

George Frideric Handel  
(1685–1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.  
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.  
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

— Job 19:25-26 | 1 Corinthians 15:20

## PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

### 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 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

## ✦ COMMENDATION

## ✦ BLESSING

## CHORAL BENEDICTION

*A Gaelic Blessing*

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.  
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.  
Deep peace of Christ to you.

## ✦ RECESSIONAL

*Sinfonia to Cantata 129*

J. S. Bach  
(1685–1750)

*Following the service, everyone is invited to a reception  
in the Gathering Area adjacent to the Sanctuary.*

## Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster, pastor

St. Philip Choir  
Alexandra Gorman and Sarah Bertrand, soloists

Matthew Dirst, organist  
Randall Swanson, director of music