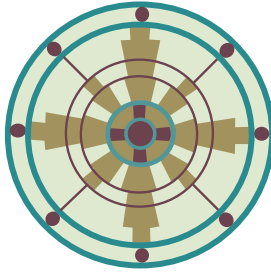


IN LOVING MEMORY
George Alfred Scranton

Saturday, January 27, 2024



*After the service, you are invited to join us for a reception,
served in Fellowship Hall downstairs.*

**Please stand, as you are able.*

GREETERS: Melia Scranton and Sarah Roskam

PIANO: Mark Rabe

ORGAN: Jurhee Hong

*COMMUNION SERVERS: Glenn and Sharon Palmberg, Tom and Diane Ruebel, Bryce and Bonnie Nelson,
Rev. Steve Elde, and Rev. Todd Johnson*

+ **George Alfred Scranton** +

October 25, 1944 – November 28, 2023

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 2:00 pm

First Covenant Church, Seattle

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT: *If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

SOLOIST: *Lauren St. Martin*

PIANO: *Mark Rabe*

VIOLIN: *Deeann Puffert*

CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMN** #422: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1, 4, 5, and 6)

***INVOCATION**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

READERS: *Debra Sequiera and William Purcell*

Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Old Testament page 652*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

Psalms 130:5-8 (*Old Testament page 574*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

I Corinthians 15:35-44 (*New Testament page 177*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

John 10:7-11, 14-15 (*New Testament page 103*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #86: *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry (verses 1-5)

GEORGE'S STORY

Rev. Steve Elde

REFLECTIONS

*Lindsey Scranton Astrup
Sam and Candace Vance*

HYMN #86: *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry (verses 6-7)

HOMILY

Rev. Todd Johnson

HYMN #341: *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

PRAYER

Rev. Steve Elde



CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S TABLE

HOLY COMMUNION

Call to Communion

Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
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,

**is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

TAKING

Institution

Sung Response

His dying we proclaim. Alleluia! Amen!

His rising we declare. Alleluia! Amen!

His coming we await, now as these gifts we take.

Glory to God on high! Alleluia! Amen!

BLESSING

BREAKING

Breaking the bread, pouring the cup.

GIVING

Offering the bread, offering the cup.

THANKSGIVING

HYMN #750: *Soon and Very Soon

String Band

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

String Band

#78: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#725: You Are Salt for the Earth



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+ Memorial gifts in George's name can be given to **First Covenant Church, Seattle**
or to **Taproot Theatre Company**.

RECEPTION COORDINATORS: *Stephanie Nelson and Katherine Hampton*

Covenant minister and theater professor George Scranton died in Seattle, Washington, on November 28, 2023. He was 79.

George Alfred Scranton was born to parents Jack and Nancy Scranton on October 25, 1944, the third of four children. During his childhood, the Scranton family lived primarily in western Washington. George came to faith in Christ at about five years old; as he grew, he was mentored in the faith by several mentors and pastoral figures and was baptized at summer camp by the age of ten, on September 11, 1955.

After earning his diploma from the Briercrest Bible Institute in 1965, George attended Seattle Pacific College, where he met Claire Markham. They were engaged during their senior year, married on September 14, 1968, and together they had a son, Trevor, and a daughter, Lindsey.

George graduated from Seattle Pacific in 1969 with a bachelor's degree in biblical literature and speech/drama. He earned a Master of Arts in biblical literature in 1971, a Master of Arts in theater history and criticism from the University of Washington in 1975, and a PhD in theology and the arts (with an emphasis on theater) from Graduate Theological Union / Pacific School of Religion in 1984.

George taught theater at Seattle Pacific, starting in 1970 until his retirement in 2015, after which he served three years as a part-time adjunct professor emeritus. As a generalist, he taught acting, stage movement, mime, playwriting, comedy, and a senior seminar called "The Arts and the Religious Experience." He also served on the board of the Taproot Theatre Company. George directed over 100 productions and acted in approximately 30 shows, primarily at SPU. His final role was in 2015, playing the lead in Shakespeare's King Lear.

In 1970, George was invited by Rev. Roy Erickson at First Covenant Church of Seattle to teach oral

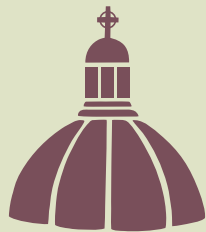
scripture reading to the church's youth. It wasn't long before that church would feel like home to George and Claire. George remained active in worship and ministry at First Covenant, serving on various committees such as the worship planning team, teaching an occasional adult Christian formation class, and reading scripture during Sunday morning worship. When called upon to serve, George was known to offer a delighted "yes." At the urging of Glenn Palmberg, superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Conference, George completed his required coursework through North Park Theological Seminary and was ordained to specialized ministry in theology and theater by the Evangelical Covenant Church in 2004.

George was known both personally and professionally as a man of faith. As a young man, he treasured the mentorship he experienced and eventually became a mentor for many of his students. Hospitality was an important value to George, and he and Claire over the years welcomed 30-40 students and others into their home for an extended stay. They also celebrated many important milestones for students and hosted a variety of events for students and faculty.

George is survived by his wife, Claire; his sister, Joeretta Ridenour; children Trevor (Ann) and Lindsey Astrup (Jason), and three grandsons: Jonah Scranton, Luke Astrup and Henry Astrup.

Peace to his memory.





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