

CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

W. Lee Hicks

April 19, 1933 – February 13, 2016

Burial of the Dead and The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Saturday, April 2, 2016 at twelve-thirty in the afternoon

The Holy Communion

Hymn *All creatures of our God and King* HYMNAL, 400

The Great Thanksgiving *all standing* Eucharistic Prayer B

The service continues on page 367 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Following "Holy, holy, holy," the congregation may stand or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional form*) page 364

The Breaking of the Bread (*A brief silence is kept.*)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All are welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing.

Music during Communion

Ave Maria

Giulio Caccini

Première Arabesque

Claude Debussy

Post-Communion Prayer *All respond* Amen.

The Commendation BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, page 499

All read the italicized portions of the anthem.

Hymn *God of grace and God of glory* HYMNAL, 594

All sing the hymn together.

The Blessing *All respond* Amen.

Dismissal *All respond* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude *Fugue in C major* J. S. Bach

All are invited to a reception immediately following the service in the Parish Hall.

Calvary Episcopal Church

315 Shady Avenue

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

Leading today's service:

The Rev. Jonathon W. Jensen, *Rector*

The Rev. Leslie G. Reimer, *Senior Associate Rector*

The Rev. T.J. Freeman, *Curate*

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth L. Price, Jr.

G. Frederic Roth, *Verger*

William Stevens, *Crucifer*

Karen Kapsanis, Virginia Cook, The Rev. Liddy Barlow

Lectors

Phil Parr and Normandie Fulson, *Chalice Bearers*

Dr. Alan Lewis, *Organist*

Gretchen Van Hoesen, *Harp*

James Gorton, *Oboe*

Lee wrote the following obituary at the request of his wife prior to a non life-threatening surgery, stating she did not anticipate that he would die, but would like to know what he would like his obituary to share about him. It was updated as he originally had predicted his death at the age of 94.

W. LEE HICKS

Dr. W. Lee Hicks, retired Church executive, fund-raising consultant, and long-time resident of Pittsburgh died at West Penn Allegheny Hospice on February 13, 2016. He was 82 years old.

A 51-year resident of Pittsburgh, Dr. Hicks came to Pittsburgh in 1965 to join the staff of the Council of Churches of the Pittsburgh Area. An American Baptist minister, he had served three churches in Illinois and the Council of Churches of Metropolitan Kansas City. His father, W. D. Hicks, asked him "When was he going to settle down and stop moving every two years?" Little did he realize Pittsburgh would be his home for the remaining two-thirds of his life.

Born in Canton, Ohio in 1933, he joined the Hicks family in its journey to the Panama Canal Zone; Brooklyn, NY; Philadelphia; Colmar and Springfield (Del. Co.) in Pennsylvania before leaving for college in Rhode Island. His father was a career accountant with the U.S. Army Signal Corps and concluded his career at the Pentagon and Fort Monmouth, NJ. Little did Lee know how important all that moving, and being forced to meet new people, would be as he led churches to leave old habits and make new friends.

Elected Executive Director of the Council of Churches in Pittsburgh in 1968, his first recommendation to the Council's Board of Directors was to begin dialogue with the Roman Catholic Churches of the area (60% of the Church population here) about ecumenism in Pittsburgh. Bishop John Wright told him, "If you're asking me to join the Council of Churches, the answer is 'No,' but if you want to discuss a new ecumenical possibility I'd like to be a part of that, with no commitment going in." That two-year discussion led to the creation of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania with three Catholic Dioceses as members. In the middle of those discussions, the Bishop became John Cardinal Wright and Hicks and several other Church leaders from the Pittsburgh area were invited to attend the Consistory in Rome when Wright was elevated to the rank of Cardinal.

Dr. Hicks served Christian Associates for 20 years and at the age of 55 decided on a second career. He joined Ketchum, Inc. Fund-Raising Counsel, then the largest firm of its kind, and assisted numerous clients in raising millions in capital campaigns including Pittsburgh's Shadyside Presbyterian Church, the State University of New York at Purchase, the first President Bush's New American Schools Development Corporation, the Presbytery of Florida and concluded his Ketchum career at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He then did free-lance consulting and fittingly concluded his fund-raising career helping Shadyside's Calvary Episcopal Church raise \$4.5 million.

An American Baptist Clergyman with a sense of adventure, he was known as the pipe-smoking, martini-drinking Baptist minister, which did not fit the image, but endeared him to clergy of less pietistic traditions. In 1990 he was confirmed in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Alden Hathaway and has been active in the life of Calvary Episcopal Church ever since. He and his second wife, Barbara Smetana Kovach Hicks, were married there in July 1990.

While at the Coast Guard Academy in 1995, he and his wife purchased a 40' ketch sailboat, "Penelope Jayne." After he learned to sail (Barbara already knew how), on Georgian Bay, the couple took their boat south through the Great Lakes, Erie Canal, Hudson River past New York City 13 days after 9/11, the Chesapeake

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and the Intra-Coastal Waterway (ICW) as far as Miami. Their 10 month trip was an adventure of a lifetime. He and his wife summered at their cottage on Georgian Bay in Ontario for over 30 years.

He studied philosophy at Barrington College in Rhode Island (1951-1955), and did graduate work in pastoral studies at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary (1955-1958) in Chicago. His interest in education led him to study educational administration at Illinois State University at Normal, Illinois. Ordained at the First Baptist Church, Cornell, Illinois in 1958, he went on to serve three American Baptist Churches in Illinois (Cornell, Auburn and Bloomington) before entering ecumenical service with the Council of Churches in Kansas City, Missouri. It was there he joined the National Association of Ecumenical Staff where he served a one year term as President in 1979-80.

While leading ecumenical efforts in Pittsburgh and Southwest Pennsylvania he served on several boards: Health and Welfare planning Association (5 years), Consumer Credit Counseling Service (17 years), National Conference of Christians and Jews (15 years) and Pittsburgh Council for International Visitors (6 years). He was instrumental in starting the Milton Harris Interfaith Institute at Rodef Shalom Temple, with his long-time friend and colleague, Rabbi Walter Jacob. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Rotary Club and the World Affairs Council, each for 19 years. In his more mature years he served on Calvary Church's Vestry and on the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh of The Episcopal Church. He represented the Diocese on the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries board of directors.

For 16 years he served on the Board of the Commission on Religion in Appalachia, headquartered in Knoxville, TN, and chaired that board for two years in the early '80s. He was on the National Council of Churches Commission on Regional and Local Ecumenism for nine years and chaired the committee that nominated The Rev. Joan Campbell for her first position with the Council; she later became the General Secretary (the CEO) of the NCC.

Thiel College (Greenville, PA) presented Hicks with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree in 1977. In 1981 the American Baptist Churches presented him with their Luke Mowbray Ecumenical Award for outstanding leadership and commitment to ecumenism. Barrington College presented him with their Alumni Association Achievement Award in 1982.

His interest in the Church and education was further illustrated by the clients he served in his second career of fund-raising consulting. He provided fund-raising counsel for Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Calvary Episcopal Church, the Presbytery of Florida, Sheldon Calvary Camp, the Broome County (Binghamton, NY) Council of Churches, the University of Maine System, State University of New York at Purchase, New American Schools Development Corporation, United States Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association, and Planning (feasibility) Studies for numerous universities.

Dr. Hicks is survived by Barbara Smetana Kovach Hicks, his wife of almost 25 years; his dairy farmer daughter, Cathleen Ruth Haughwout of Belleville, PA; his sister, Susan Eleanor Hicks Harrington of Fort Edward, NY; his step-daughters, Jennifer Kovach and Kathleen Kovach Weyand, both of Seattle; five grandchildren: Darren and Brianna Hicks, Robbie and Xavier Haughwout and Desmyn Dodds, and four step-grandchildren: Logan, Lucas and Elliot Weyand and Samuel Kovach-Sproule. His son, Steven Lee Hicks of Charles Town, WV preceded him in death in 2008; His first wife, Arlene Kober Hicks, preceded him in death on January 1, 2015. His brothers, Herbert McClain Hicks of Annandale, VA, and John Hicks of Long Island, NY also preceded him in death.




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