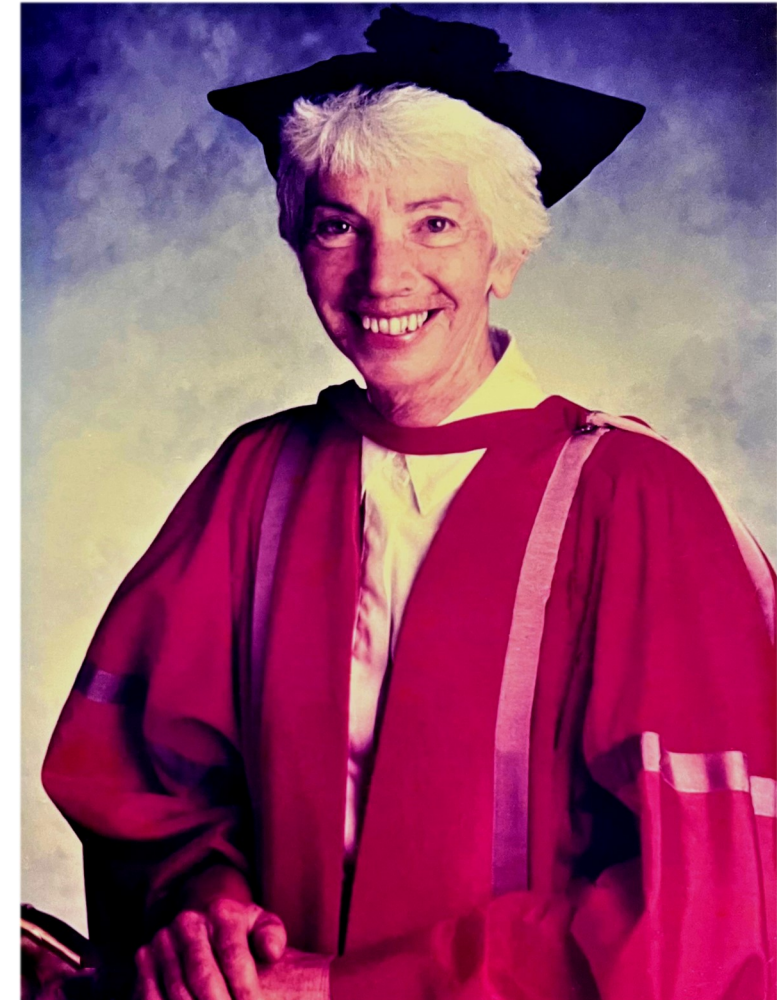


Dr. Hart was born at home on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1931 in Gabbettville, Georgia to Richard M. Hart, Sr. & Janette Newton Hart. Mattie joined brothers Richard, William, & Henry and sister Jane. She was joined later by sister Laura and brother John Daryl who died in infancy. She was a rural farm child reared by a school teacher mother who demanded proper manners and grammar. These lessons were a blessing as she made her way through life. She graduated from Center High School as Valedictorian in 1948, heading to Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. After taking a history degree in 1952, Mattie felt called to give back to her Christian upbringing in the Presbyterian Church by becoming a missionary in the Eastern Kentucky area of the Appalachian mountains. Finding a home with the ministry of Isom Presbyterian Church from 1952-55, she found her footing with the Church. She then taught the children of missionaries in the Belgian Congo for 3 years, only returning to the US after becoming ill with a tropical disease. Recovery and another 7 years in Kentucky brought her to a deeper understanding of her faith. She entered Columbia Theological Seminary in 1967, graduating in 1970 as the first woman to complete the Master of Divinity program in the US Presbyterian Church. She was ordained in 1971 and chose to follow her heart and entered the University of Durham gaining her Ph.D in Divinity in 1975. After her return to the US, she worked with Young Life in Jacksonville FL where contacts gave her the opportunity to become a professor at Flagler College, St Augustine FL until her retirement in 1996. During her time in St Augustine she found her church home at Memorial Presbyterian Church and was active as guest pastor and volunteered with many of the Outreach programs offered through the Church. Mattie traveled extensively during summers and after retirement with her best friend of more than 30 years, until Linda's death in 2008. Mattie became a homebody entertaining many friends and visitors at her beloved home and volunteering many hours with numerous organizations in the St Augustine and Jacksonville area.

Dr Hart is predeceased by her 6 siblings and their spouses with the exception of her sister Jane's husband, Jim Fincher who is also a resident of St Augustine. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including niece Jan Anderson and her family of St Augustine who helped care for Mattie in her later years. Mattie's beloved cat Tommy2 lives with Jan.

Memorial donations can be made to [www.SavetheChildren.org](http://www.SavetheChildren.org) with donations directed specifically to Eastern Kentucky area. The Flagler College Mattie E Hart Scholarship Fund 74 King St. St Augustine FL 32084. [www.Flagler.edu](http://www.Flagler.edu) Click donate & choose Mattie Hart Endowed Scholarship Fund. Habitat for Humanity St Augustine/St Johns County 7 Hopkins St. St Augustine FL 32084 [www.habitatstjohns.org](http://www.habitatstjohns.org) St Francis House 70 Washington St. St Augustine, FL 32084 [www.stfrancisshelter.org](http://www.stfrancisshelter.org). Homeless Coalition of St Augustine FL [www.homelesscoalitionstjohns.com](http://www.homelesscoalitionstjohns.com)

## A Service of Witness to Resurrection



**Mattie Elizabeth Hart**

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Mattie Elizabeth Hart

April 5, 1931—April 23, 2023

May 27, 2023

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

\*PROCESSION OF THE FAMILY

GREETING (*responsive*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

OPENING SENTENCES

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 611      “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”      HYMN TO JOY

PSALM 23 (*unison*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* denotes standing, if able

EULOGIES

Rev. Les Comee

Rev. Mary Kay Scott Collins

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 4:8-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:15-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 NO. 39      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”      FAITHFULNESS

\*COMMENDATION

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Dr. W. Hunter Camp II

Rev. Amy Lehr Camp

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