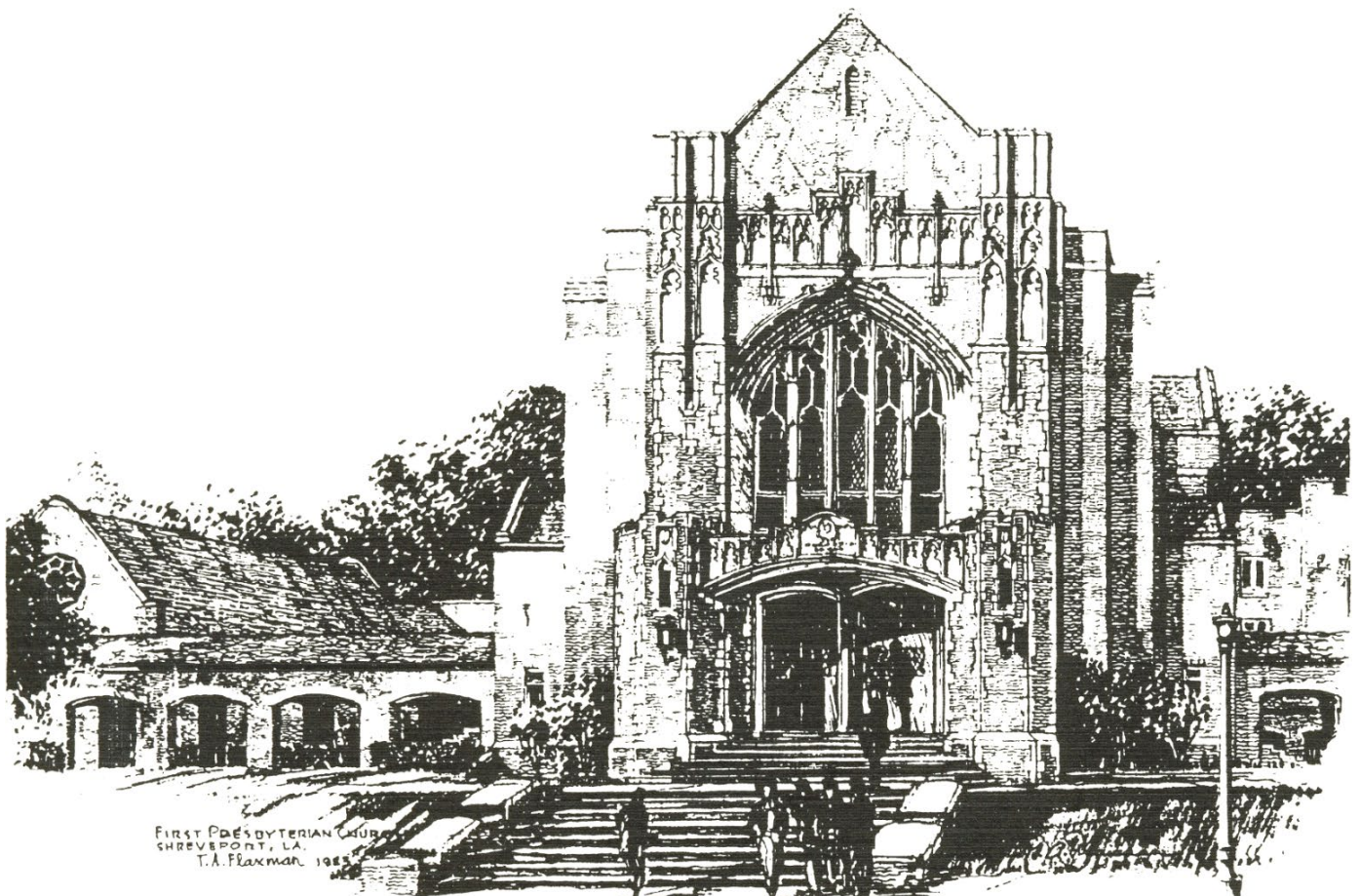


A SERVICE OF
WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION

Jean Sentell Mendenhall

May 31, 1936 - February 21, 2026



Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 2pm

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Music

Dr. Hollice S. Watson, Choir Director & Organist

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Family Remembrances

Solo

Be Thou My Vision

Cambria Metzinger

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Second Scripture Reading

Romans 8:35-39 (NRSV)

³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Meditation and Reflections

The Rev. Brent Anderson, Pastor

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Pastoral Prayer & 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 #625**

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

Refrain: *Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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*When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:*

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"*

WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME

***Commendation and Blessing**

***Postlude Music**

*There will be a celebration of life gathering following the service at the home of:
Bill Mendenhall, 5860 South Lakeshore Drive, Unit 4, Shreveport, Louisiana 71119*



Jean Sentell Mendenhall

May 31, 1936 - February 21, 2026

With great love and reverence, we remember the life of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Jean Sentell Mendenhall, who passed away peacefully on February 21, 2026. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian faith, Jean grew up in the Presbyterian Church of Minden, Louisiana, and spent the remainder of her adult life as a very active member of First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, Louisiana. Jean was a quietly faithful Presbyterian who found deep joy and purpose in serving her church and helping her community.

Jean was born in Minden, Louisiana, on May 31, 1936, the eldest daughter of Dr. Charles Sherburne Sentell and Sallie Hutton Sentell. Jean was the bedrock of her family throughout her life. She was a devoted daughter to her parents and a protective and loving sister to her siblings. As a mother and grandmother, she was a source of endless love, wisdom, and grace. Her kind and determined spirit shaped our family, and her constant wisdom and support created a foundation of strength for everyone who knew her.

Jean grew up a Minden girl to her core. Beginning with Mrs. Nelson's Kindergarten in the late 1930's, Jean spent her childhood in school and church activities and her teenage years at Hunters Playhouse. She formed friendships that would be maintained and treasured throughout her life. Jean spent many summers during her youth at her beloved Montreat, in Black Mountain, North Carolina. Years later, she would take all of her children and grandchildren back to Montreat, so they could enjoy the natural beauty of the area and share the memories of her time there.

Jean graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas in 1957, and that same year married Shannon Mendenhall, of Dallas, her husband of 68 years. Jean and Shannon moved back to Minden in 1960, where they built their home in front of her mother's home on Pennsylvania Avenue and directly behind that of her grandmother, on Broadway. Raising her family in Minden, Jean was actively involved in the Minden Junior League, numerous school committees, and other organizations and activities. During those years she cultivated her love of art, creating beautiful oil and watercolor paintings, as well as murals and painted objects for school fundraisers. She became a very talented artist, and her paintings are treasured by her family.

Jean decided in her 40's to expand her education and build a career for herself, first in real estate and then as a financial planner and investment advisor. She became well respected throughout North Louisiana for her capacity to guide clients wisely through the process building a secure future.

Jean, or "Gemma," was completely devoted to her five grandchildren, all of whom lived significant distances from Shreveport. Throughout their infancy and childhood, Jean traveled constantly to spend time with each grandchild. She never missed a birthday or significant event of any of her grandchildren. Her continuous and meaningful involvement in their lives created a bond that is cherished by each grandchild.

In her later years, her dedication to First Presbyterian Church Shreveport became increasingly significant. Jean helped initiate and was a member of the handbell choir. She also ran the "Book Nook," which became a gathering spot for church members. Jean was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Women, and in 2013 was awarded honorary life membership as a result of her years of leadership, dedication and faithful service.

Jean was the heart of our family, a constant source of wisdom, encouragement, and inspiration. Her compassion for others led to the creation of a permanent legacy for people in need that will continue to live on in the world. Her legacy is also indelible in each of us. We will carry her memory in our hearts forever. We are grateful for the years she gave us, for the lessons she taught us, and for the example of love and faith she set for all who knew her.

Jean is preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Charles Sherburne Sentell and Sallie Hutton Sentell, and her sister, Sally Sentell Roberts. Jean is survived by her husband, Shannon Mendenhall, of Bossier City; her children, Bill Mendenhall, of Shreveport, and Julie Mendenhall Marshall and husband Joe Marshall, of Dallas, Texas; her grandchildren, Hutton Marshall, of New York, New York, Ann Sentell Mendenhall, of Burbank, California, Kelly Marshall Iacobucci and husband Mike, of Dallas, Texas, Meg Mendenhall Pilkenton and husband Nathan, of Nashville, Tennessee, and Ben Marshall, of Denver, Colorado; her great granddaughter, Claire Sentell Pilkenton; and her siblings, Charles Sherburne Sentell Jr. and wife Diane, of Minden, Louisiana, and Dr. Samuel Webb Sentell, and wife Beth, of Shreveport, Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Providence House and the Presbyterian Children's Home, in Shreveport.