

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Are you mourning the death of a loved one or a friend?

Grief Workshop

Seven Mondays, beginning September 13.

One on One Encouragement and Support

Our Stephen Ministers are highly trained individuals who are available to listen, offer support and walk alongside those experiencing seasons of loss. They're available to meet for an hour a week by phone or at a place that's mutually convenient.

Prayer

A group prays for concerns. Please email to prayer@firstprescos.org.

For more information, call our Caring Ministries Office, 884-6145.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Online at firstprescos.org/watch at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

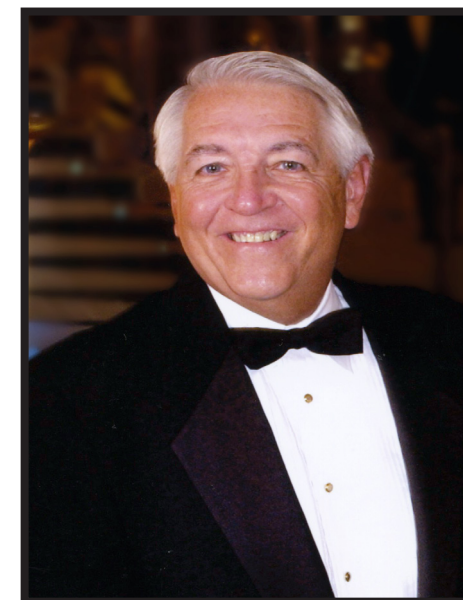
In-person Sanctuary: 8:30 & 10 a.m.

In-person Worship Center: 9 & 11 a.m.



LIGHT AND LIFE FOR THE CITY

Service to Celebrate the Life of Andrew W. Biancur February 2, 1938 – January 10, 2021



Tuesday, July 27, 2021 • 10 a.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Order of Service

Prelude

Bagpipes, “Highland Cathedral”

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading

Prayer of Invocation

Remembering Andi With Gratitude to God

Beverly Biancur, Christian Biancur

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Solo, “Another Soldier’s Coming Home”

Message, “The Joy of the Lord Is Our Strength”

Solo, “It Is Well”

Prayer of Commendation

Benediction

Postlude

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Officiant: Mr. James DeJarnette
Organist: Dr. Roderick Gorby
Soloists: Mrs. Vonda Barnhart, Rev. Matt Holtzman
Bagpipers: Mr. and Mrs. James and Kelly Fitzrandolph
Coordinator: Rev. Linda Boyles

Col. (Ret.) Andrew W. Biancur was born on February 2, 1938, and met his Lord on January 10, 2021, at home.

From an early age, Andi heard stories of the Flying Tigers from his dad, Andrea, who was a test pilot during World War II for the P-61 Black Widow. After Andi’s dad died testing that aircraft, Andi vowed his life’s ambition was to get his pilot’s wings.

He was appointed to the Air Force Academy’s second class, graduating in 1960, by President Dwight Eisenhower, who Andi met in the Oval Office of the White House.

Andi loved his experiences at the Academy and his cadet brothers. After graduation and getting his wings, Andi was deployed to Vietnam and was the first Academy grad to fire a shot in that long war. He did three tours in Vietnam.

When President John Kennedy was assassinated in November 1963, Andi was tasked with writing a manual to protect our presidents. Andi was the White House advance man for presidents Johnson, Nixon and Ford.

Gen. Chappy James assigned Andi the task of getting civilians, children and babies out of Vietnam. “Operation Baby Lift” was enacted and saved thousands of lives.

Andi went on to Yale law School to earn a degree in international law. He was sent by the Air Force to participate in the Helsinki Accord negotiations with the Russian contingent.

When Andi retired from the Air Force, he went to Salt Lake City to help develop the heads-up display used by fighter pilots in today’s forces.

Andi was an avid snow skier and organized many years of mini-reunions in Salt Lake City for his classmates. It was dubbed the “Al Johnson Ski and Lawnmower Repair School.”

Andi, who was president of the Class of 1960, organized the online database of Air Force Academy grads who were POWs, who are Jabara Award winners, distinguished grads and those grads who are astronauts.

He was a true warrior for his God, his country, his Academy and his family, as well as his brothers in the Class of 1960. “You can stand me up at the gates of hell and I won’t back down” is a fitting saying for Andi. The country, his family, his friends, his classmates and his Academy will miss him every day. We are all just a little better because he lived.



“... I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

John 11:25–26

*He was my North, my South, my East and West,
My working week and my Sunday rest,
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song;
I thought that time would last forever: I was wrong.
W. H. Auden*