



**DOUGLASS LEE SIMMONS** was 92 years old when he died peacefully on October 18, 2021 surrounded by his family. He was born in Seguin, Texas on December 5, 1928 to Elsie and Douglass Simmons. He graduated from Seguin High School, Class of 1947. He earned a BBA and MBA from Texas A&M University and became a CPA. In 1951 he was called to active duty in the U.S. Army where he served in Germany, and attained the rank of Captain.

He retired from Tenneco as Director of Corporate Systems and Computer Services in 1985 after 30 years of service. After his Tenneco retirement, he continued to work as Director of Finance for both the Houston Housing Authority and Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston. Through the years, he served

his community as President of the Tenneco Federal Credit Union, Board President of the Cerebral Palsy Treatment Center, Member of the Board of Brazos Presbyterian Homes, and Treasurer for Lord of the Streets. He was a Deacon and Elder at Central Presbyterian Church and served on various committees including the Finance Committee.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Jenilee Simmons, and their children: his daughter, Sheryl Curtin, and her husband, Bill, and Douglass's granddaughter, Tita Curtin; and his son, Douglass W. Simmons, and his wife, Alison, and Douglass's grandson, Stone Simmons. He is also survived by his nieces, Sharon Zimmerman of Seaview, WA, and Sibyll Rex and her husband, John, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona, and their families; and cousins, Irvin Hellmann and his wife, Debbie, and Evelyn Tschoepe and her husband, Edmond, of Seguin, Texas. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend. He will be remembered most for his contagious smile and his genuine kindness to others.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Douglass's memory to St. Philip Presbyterian Church Kids Against Hunger Program.

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### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. John W. Wurster  
Rev. Omar Rouchon

Douglass W. Simmons, Pianist

Randall Swanson, Organist  
Nicholas Rathgeb, Soloist



## **THE COMMUNITY OF ST. PHILIP AT WORSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

**A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION**

**IN MEMORY OF**

**DOUGLASS LEE SIMMONS**

**DECEMBER 5, 1928 – OCTOBER 18, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

✦ **HYMN 625**

*How Great Thou Art*

✦ **PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
our strength and our comfort,  
our hope and our help,  
your love cares for us in life and watches over us in death.  
We praise you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith,  
finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.  
Especially we thank you for Douglass,  
whom you have now received into your presence.  
We are grateful for all he gave us,  
for the memories that will abide with us,  
and for the assurance that he lives forever  
in the peace and joy of your unending love.  
Take from us now our regrets and sorrows,  
and grant us your grace, we pray,  
that as we face the mystery of death  
we may see the light of eternity,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*silent prayer*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

✦ **DECLARATION**

**REMEMBRANCES**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 23  
2 Corinthians 4:7-18  
Matthew 22:37-40

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

✦ **HYMN 43**

*On Eagles' Wings*

Soloist sings verses  
Congregation sings the refrain

Refrain *All*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the  
breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the refrain, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody with lyrics. The first staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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ON EAGLE'S WINGS

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**THE 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 649**

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

✦ **COMMENDATION**

✦ **BLESSING**

✦ **RECESSIONAL**