

*The family thanks you for the gift of your prayers and for every expression of kindness. Following the service, the family cordially invites you to join them in the Christian Education Building for a time of fellowship and refreshments prepared by the Presbyterian Women and the Kitchen Krew.*

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Northwood Presbyterian Church, "Music Ministry"  
2875 State Rd. 580, Clearwater, FL 33761;  
or your local P.E.O. International Chapter.*

### **Obituary of Nancy Ellen Johnson**

Nancy Ellen (Wells) Johnson of Clearwater, Florida, a loving and faithful servant of her Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, passed from this life to the next after a short battle with an aggressive illness (MDS) on September 8, 2020. She is, and will be, dearly missed.

Nancy was born May 21, 1939 and raised by her loving parents Kenneth N. Wells M.D. and Kathryn Wells in Spring Lake, Michigan ("Where nature smiles for seven miles"). Nancy's father was a small town doctor at a time when doctors made house calls and carried a black bag. In another era she might have become an M.D. but the times being what they were, became a nurse.

Nancy was a member of the nursing profession all her working life, starting out as a candy striper assistant when she was 14 years old, and becoming a full fledged member of the profession after getting her nursing degree in 1960 from the Blodgett Hospital School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. True to form, she remained in contact with her nursing school classmates on and off throughout her life. Over the course of her career, she worked at about every job a nurse can do, on the floor, in the Emergency Room, and as a nursing supervisor. After fleeing the Michigan winters for Florida, she worked as director of infection control at Moffit Cancer Center until her retirement.

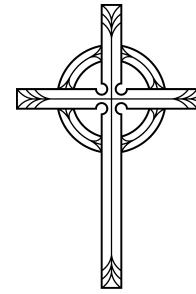
In retirement, Nancy remained active (some might say compulsively so), and used to joke that she didn't know how she ever had time to hold down a full time job. As a loving child of God, she was an engaged member at Northwood Presbyterian Church. She was also active with P.E.O. Sisterhood, which provides educational opportunities for female students. She enjoyed traveling with her friends, walking her dog, playing bridge, book club and the soft sands of Clearwater Beach.

Although an only child, Nancy wanted a big family and had 5 children with her husband Stanley K. Johnson. She and Stan split after their children were grown. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren meant the world to her, and she was so proud of them all. When her children had kids of their own, she relished telling them about the years she had multiple kids wearing diapers at the same time (and this was before disposable diapers were available).

Nancy was kind, compassionate and always helpful. She was a rare combination of someone who was a good listener and a good talker. Once you started a conversation with her, you never knew where it was going to go or how long it would last. Dial her up on the phone for a short call and before you knew it an hour had gone by and you've covered topics from politics to books to religion. When the pandemic hit, Nancy became a Zoom maven, holding weekly zoom calls for the family.

Nancy is predeceased by her parents, and survived by her five children, Michael, Cathy, Lani, Steve and Terry; fourteen grandchildren, Adam, Anna, Kelly, Cameron, Christopher, Brian, Derek, Aaron, Kathryn, Harper, Maia, Nathan, Andrew and Cassidy; four great-grandchildren, Hailyn, Aaron Jr., Jack and Logan; and beloved cousins Margo and Donna. She also leaves behind innumerable friends.

Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor  
Linda Pointer, Organist



## **A Witness to the Resurrection**



**To the Glory of God &  
In Loving Memory of**

**Nancy Ellen Johnson**  
May 21, 1939– September 8, 2020

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# In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of Nancy Ellen Johnson

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Saturday, September 11, 2021  
1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Chris Curvin, Pastor

SOLO

“Whispering Hope”

Barbara Jordan

INVOCATION

HYMN

“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!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds singing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:** *Refrain*

**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!”** *Refrain*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 100

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 for ever.**

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

SOLO

“The Holy City”

Michele White

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS

Romans 5:1

John 14:1-3, 27

MEDITATION

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debt  
ors; 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

“Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine!”

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain:* **This is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.** *Refrain*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.** *Refrain*

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Robert Hobby