



# ROBERT "BOB" WRIGHT

January 22, 1943 - January 20, 2024

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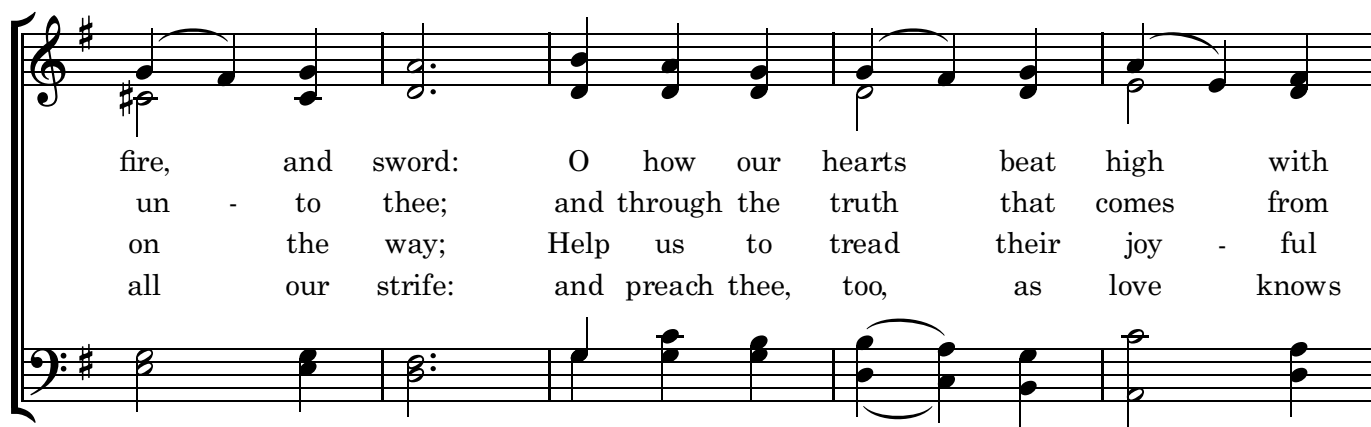
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# Faith of our fathers

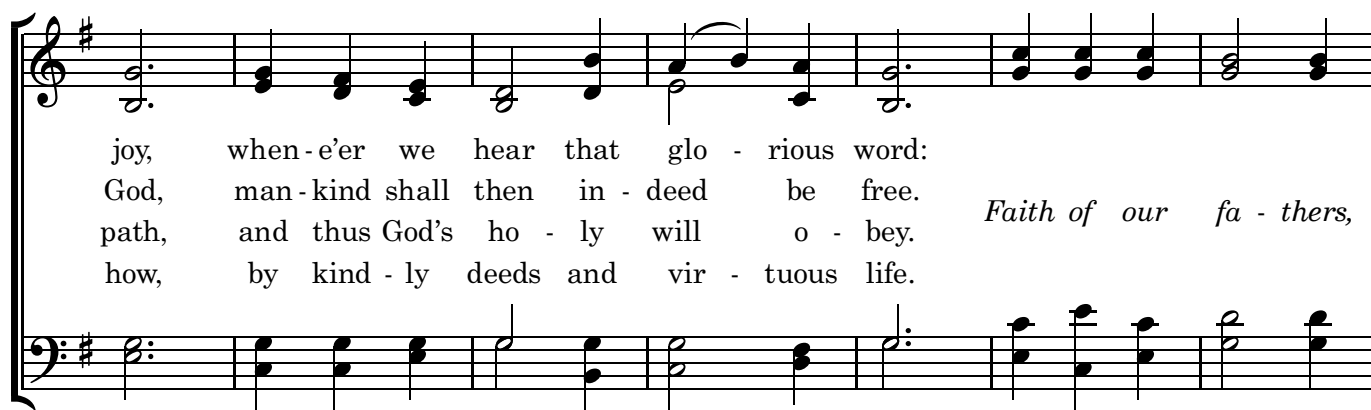
St. Catherine



1. Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2. Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions  
3. Faith of our mo - thers! saints in - deed, who led us gen - tly  
4. Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword: O how our hearts beat high with  
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from  
on the way; Help us to tread their joy - ful  
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows



joy, when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
God, man-kind shall then in - deed be free. *Faith of our fa - thers,*  
path, and thus God's ho - ly will o - bey.  
how, by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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# Bob Wright Celebration of Life

## March 23, 2024

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**Prelude**

Stephen Main, harp

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Dr. Steve Schibsted

**\*Call to Worship** (\*The congregation is invited to stand)

### **Psalm 23**

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.

**Hymn**

Faith of our fathers

*St. Catherine*

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 40: 28-31

Dr. Don Ashburn

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**Solo**

*Somewhere over the rainbow* arr. Israel Kamakawiwo'ole  
**Lisa Wright (daughter), vocals** (1959-1997)  
**Mitch Polzak, ukulele**

**Remembrances**

Donna Mc Glaughlin, *UOP classmate*

Randy Rounds, *USMC*

Joan Leonard, *Neighbor and friend*

Bill Holt, *AT&T*

Brian Wright, *Son-in-law*

**Anthem**

*Give us the wings of faith*  
**Chancel Choir**

James Whitbourn  
(born 1963)

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the Saints above, how great their joys, how bright their glories be. We asked them whence their victory came; they, with one united breath, ascribed the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death. They marked the footsteps that he trod, his zeal inspired their breast; and following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

*—words by Isaac Watts*

**New Testament Reading**

John 14: 1-6

Dr. Don Ashburn

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

**Eulogy**

Dr. Steve Schibsted

**Closing Prayer and Lord’s Prayer**

Dr. Don Ashburn

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 for ever. Amen.

**\*Hymn** (*see next page*)

For all the saints

*Sine nomine*

**Benediction****Invitation to Reception**

Brian Wright

**Organ Postlude**

*Improvisation*

# For all the saints

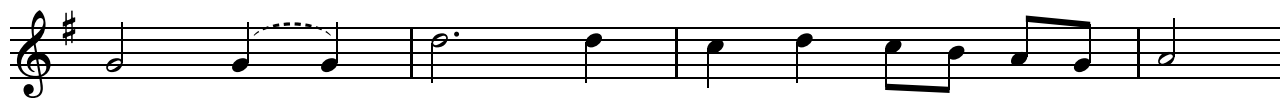
*Sine nomine*



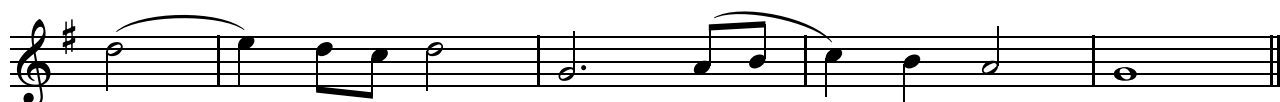
1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; \_\_\_\_\_
3. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, \_\_\_\_\_
4. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee \_\_\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; \_\_\_\_\_  
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
gates \_\_\_\_\_ of pearl streams in the count - less host, \_\_\_\_\_



Name, O \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blest.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true Light,  
hearts are \_\_\_\_\_ brave a - gain, and arms\_ are \_\_\_\_\_ strong.  
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia!

# Robert Wright Obituary

*January 22, 1943 - January 20, 2024*

Robert “Bob” Bruce Wright, 80, of Oakland, Calif., died of a heart attack while vacationing in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany on January 20, 2024.

Bob was born in Topeka, Kan., on January 22, 1943 to William Bruce Wright and Thelma Brown Wright.

He attended Topeka High School, and upon graduation, attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. It was there he met his future wife Judith. The two married on August 28, 1965.

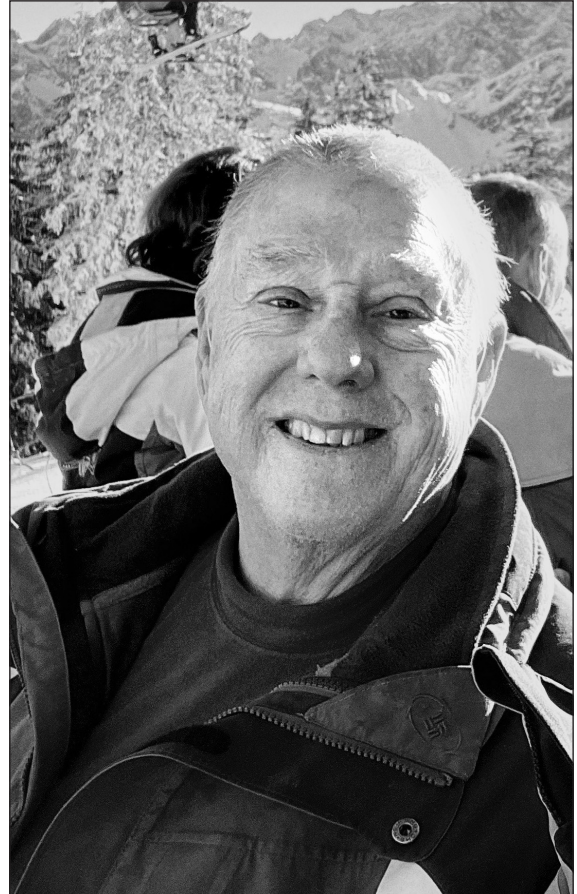
Bob excelled in two parallel career paths, one as a U.S. Marine Corps officer (active duty and later reserves), reaching the rank of Colonel before retiring in 1992.

He also had a distinguished 28 year career as telecommunications Sales Executive with Pac Bell/AT&T.

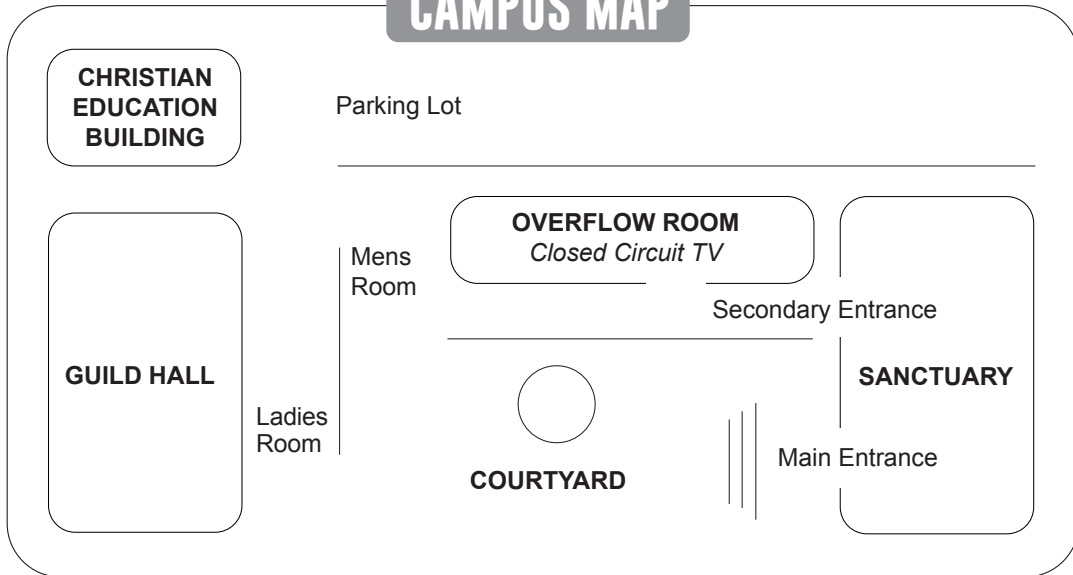
Upon retirement in 1998, Bob continued to be active in his community. He served on multiple boards, as well as headed multiple committees, projects, and small groups within his church and other local groups. In addition, Bob and his wife, Judy travelled extensively, managing to visit dozens of countries on all seven continents.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, William and Thelma; as well as his stepfather, Lenel Shuck; and sister, Patricia Murday; and is survived by his wife, Judith Wright; and children, Lisa Wright and Mitchell Wright.

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# CAMPUS MAP



**CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATION  
BUILDING**

Parking Lot

**GUILD HALL**

Ladies  
Room

Mens  
Room

**OVERFLOW ROOM**  
*Closed Circuit TV*

Secondary Entrance

**COURTYARD**

**SANCTUARY**

Main Entrance



## Donate to the Bob Wright Meditation Garden

Judy Wright knows that her late husband would be honored and enthusiastic that a meditation garden be created in his name.

For most of her life, Judy has been an avid member of the Girl Scout community. She was a Girl Scout herself and then became a mentor, leader, and advocate for Girl Scouts all around the globe.

When Sonja ten Grotenhuis approached Piedmont Church with the project of a Girl Scout Gold Award garden, the dreams of the two passionate Girl Scouts collided into something wonderful. Both women are excited to see this garden become a reality and commemorate the passionate life of Bob Wright.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to the Bob Wright Memorial fund. Please make checks payable to 'PCC' with Bob Wright in the memo. Donations are also accepted online by scanning the code below or visiting the church website. These funds will be used to bring this meditation garden to life.



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