

Providence Presbyterian Church
Clinton, Mississippi

A Memorial Resolution
Andries C. "Harry" Bakker

Whereas, God, our loving Heavenly Father, has, in his perfect wisdom and love, called Andries "Harry" Bakker, our beloved brother in Christ, faithful church member, elder emeritus, and dear friend to his eternal rest and heavenly home on January 24, 2012; and

Whereas, Harry was born in the Netherlands on June 6, 1914, and during World War II was sent by his government to Jackson, Mississippi, with "The Dutch Fliers." In Jackson, Harry met Gena Kate Brister and they were married on March 25, 1943. After the war, they lived two years in the Netherlands, then returned to Jackson where Harry worked as a machinist. They began attending Westminster Presbyterian, a new church plant in West Jackson; and

Whereas, Harry made profession of faith and was baptized at Westminster on December 18, 1949 and served the church faithfully for sixty-two years; and

Whereas, Harry was selected by the congregation on February 22, 1953 to serve as a deacon and subsequently selected on February 7, 1954 to serve as a member of its Session and served faithfully until his retirement on November 11, 1984; and

Whereas, Harry was a godly husband, humble father and beloved grandfather to his dear family. He was married to his wife Gena Kate for sixty years, until she was called to her heavenly home on September 12, 2003; and

Whereas, Harry Bakker is remembered for his winsome, humble and gracious demeanor, his wise counsel, his concern for the church musician to be included in staff pay raises, and his regular church attendance, sometimes bringing a neighbor with him, all setting a worthy example of a faithful follower of Christ.

Be it therefore resolved by the Session of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi

1. That we express our gratitude to God for the life, character, and humble service of Harry Bakker; and that we acknowledge with heartfelt appreciation the impact of this dear brother in Christ on his family, his church, and his community, as he faithfully served the Lord at Providence (formerly Westminster) Presbyterian Church.
2. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his daughter Amy and her husband John Pleasant and their daughter Catherine, and to his daughter Andrea and her husband Charles Perkins and their son Brent and daughter Lauren, and her husband Hollis Hulett.
3. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Sessional records of this church and that copies be sent to members of Harry's family and to the Stated Clerk of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Adopted this fifteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



Rev. John Reeves, Moderator



RE Lester Harrison, Clerk of Session