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In Memoriam: Nancy Craine Powell

Today's recital is dedicated to the memory of Nancy Craine Powell, beloved organist, nurse, and wife of late church musician and renowned composer Robert J. Powell, who passed away on April 20, 2026. She was 94. Nancy was born on August 26, 1931 in Cleveland, Ohio and was raised in the nearby village of Perry. After high school she studied music at Baldwin Wallace College, then obtained a Master's Degree in Sacred Music at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City where she met her husband. Nancy and Bob worked and resided in Mississippi and New Hampshire before settling in Greenville in 1968, where Bob was organist and choirmaster at Christ Church. While in Greenville, Nancy became a registered nurse and was employed by the Marshall I. Pickens facility of the Greenville Hospital System. But her love of sacred music brought her back to her calling, serving as organist at Fourth Presbyterian Church for many years while raising three children. Nancy Powell was predeceased in January 2025 by her husband of 67 years, and is survived by a sister and brother, three children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. She was a member of three Episcopal parishes over her decades in Greenville including Christ Church, St. Andrew's, and the Church of the Redeemer.

A Memorial Eucharist, with music provided by the choirs of Christ Church, St. Andrew's Church, and Church of the Redeemer, will be held on Monday, June 15 at 2:00 pm, at Christ Church Episcopal, 10 N. Church St, Greenville, South Carolina.