Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Hicks Chapel
May 1, 2012
11:30 a.m.

Witness to the Resurrection:
the
Funeral Service
for
Naiveté P. Barnes

Prelude
(The casket is typically in the chancel before people arrive; this is a riveting visual call to worship. The pastor will escort the family to their seats last, at the very start of the service. Please stand as they enter, out of honor for them.)

Opening Prayer
Pastor Donna

Hope Eternal
(Pastors can be assisted by lists of scripture passages appropriate for funerals found in many denominational worship books.)

Hymn – Softly & Tenderly (see insert)
Naiveté’s only son, Reality, will lead the hymn as a tribute to her.
(Families often wish to use music that was meaningful to the deceased, and the pastor can often honor those requests, if the music is appropriate to a worship service. Family members may wish to sing appropriate special music as part of the service.)

A Time of Family Memories – Reality Barnes, Charity Jones, and High Expectations.
(Eulogies should be limited to keep focus of the service on worship of God and witness to the resurrection. Pastors should try to encourage the family to select only a few to speak. Having a time of memory sharing can help the pastor to use the homily time for glory to God, instead of biographical information.)

Message
Pastor Donna
(The homily shows that we are not living as ones without hope, but that the hope of the resurrection encourages us. Pastors should not make overstatements about the deceased and should not affirm the person’s identity in Christ if they don’t know the person. Use the person’s life to describe the ministry of Christ and how the person illustrates our union with Christ. Goal of funeral service is to show what God has done in giving us this person, giving gratitude to God for his/her life.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Words of Committal / Benediction
(If a funeral does not conclude at a graveside service, then the appropriate words of Committal should be used with the benediction.)

Recession
(The pastor will move to a place in the aisle ahead of the casket. The funeral director will now move the pall bearers into position. The pastor will lead the casket out and will remain with the casket as a comfort for the family. The family will follow the casket out of the chapel. Once they have moved to the narthex, others may follow. Please allow time for the pall bearers to attend to their duty.)

Postlude
(If this service had included a graveside service, the words of committal would have been saved for that service. The pastor would have escorted the casket from the hearse to the graveside, and would remain with the casket until burial has been completed. The act of shoveling dirt into the grave is often cathartic for family members, giving them a sense of closure.)

Thanks to those participating in today’s funeral service:
Pastor – Donna Johnson
Hope – Judith Riethmiller
Reality – James Moore
Charity – Sue Washburn
Aunt High Expectations – Jan Reed
Organist – Bill Goff

Other family and pallbearers:
LaNita Butler
Katie Mohr
Heather Runser
Jean Smith
Jordan Rimmer
Kathy Shirey
Jon Draskovic
Brian Sandell
Kendra Buckwalter
Jarrod Caltrider

Special thanks to Freyvogel Funeral Home, Pittsburgh PA
NAIVETÉ P. BARNES
April 19, 1966 — April 24, 2012

Naiveté P. Barnes, 46, of Noblesville, PA, died unexpectedly, on Hope Blvd in East Liberty, April 24, 2012, after being hit by a seminary mission bus and suffering a fatal heart attack.

She is survived by her son, Reality Barnes; two sisters, Charity Jones of Clear View, NY, and Hope Eternal of Springs, NY, her favorite aunt, High Expectations, of Wisdom Park, CA, and many dear friends from her seminary community. She is preceded in death by her parents, Rev. Louie and Janet Lightfoot, of Doubtingtown, IN.

She was born April 19, 1966, in Noblesville where she lived until her departure. She was a 1984 graduate of the elite Pathway to Faith High School in which she was voted "most likely to succeed", and received academic honors upon graduation. Following high school she went on to college at the prestigious Stamford University where she majored in French which she referred to as the "love language" and minored in hospitality. She continued her education acquiring a MSSEP (Master Science Social Ethics and People) graduating third in a class of 1000 students. Being an "over-achiever", she pursued a Masters of Divinity (MDIV) nearly completing her middler year maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She served as student Pastor of the First Easy Presbyterian Church with two locations in North Hills and Sewickley, PA.

Naiveté trusted everyone in her sphere of influence and will primarily be remembered for the ease at which she believed and passion in which she served. She brought out the best in everyone with her unwavering belief in the goodness of humankind. She was such a central part of our lives that with her death, a portion of each one of us lays to rest too. She would want each of us to continue life remembering that she lived and the hope of the resurrection for everyone to see her again in the Kingdom.

Her remains have been entrusted to the John A. Freyvogel Funeral Home, 4900 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213-1713.

The family would like to thank you in advance for flowers, memorial donations and all acts of kindness and condolence in our time of grief.