

*The Celebration of the Life of*  
Rev. Dr. Vicki Chastain Orr



Entered this Life                      March 12, 1941

Entered Eternal Life                  April 16, 2024

*Laguna Presbyterian Church*

*May 5, 2024*

## *Order of Service*



<b>Prelude:</b>	Sookyung Bang
<b>Welcome &amp; Prayer:</b>	Rev. Beth Pinney
<b>Call to Worship:</b>	Psalm 100
<b>Response in Song:</b>	Christ the Lord is Risen Today Hymnal #217
<b>Scripture Readings:</b>	
<b>John 15:5-12</b>	Jackson Grizel (grandson)
<b>Isaiah 40:28-31</b>	Aaron Van Dell (heart grandson)
<b>Eph 2:4-10</b>	Greg Chastain (brother)
<b>Response in Song:</b>	The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #426
<b>Reflections:</b>	
Brian Orr (son)	
Jaden Orr (grandson)	
Dawn Orr Grizel (daughter)	
<b>Invitation to Open Mic:</b>	<i>A time to mourn, a time to laugh and a time to share some stories</i>
<b>Message:</b>	Rev. Leanne Strommen
<b>Rise and Sing:</b>	In Christ Alone / The Solid Rock
<b>Blessing and Benediction:</b>	Rev. Beth Pinney
<b>Recessional:</b>	Sookyung Bang

## Early Years



## *What was it like being 7 years old?*

Addison Orr (grandson) interviews Vicki in 2009

Where did you live and what kind of home did you have?

At 7 years of age I lived on Willowbrook Ave next to the railroad tracks in Compton, CA which was a suburb of Los Angeles. The PE (train/red car) could be taken to Long Beach for an outing to the ocean or taken for a day of shopping in LA. The PE is no longer there.

I lived near Richland Farms where people kept their horses in their backyards and there were lots of places to ride. They even had organized breakfast rides for those who owned horses.

We rented a 3-bedroom, one bath house that was made of stucco and it shook when the train (PE) went by and my dog snowball would chase cars and trains. I tried everything to stop him from doing that but nothing worked. When I was a child, dogs had freedom to run loose in the neighborhood.

What was your favorite book?

My favorite book was Lassie Come-Home because I loved animals and dogs are so faithful to their owners. I collected statues of dogs and horses and dreamed to one day have my own horse. I loved picture books of horses, and I began to learn how to draw them at a young age.

What did you do for fun?

For fun I rode my bicycle with my black cocker spaniel, Snowball, running beside me. I went to Friendways, a weekday children's program at my church, The Church of God. I wanted a pony and I was hoping to get a paper route so I could save money and buy a pony. But my stepfather Rex found out I would have to get up at 4 am in order to deliver papers and he felt it wasn't safe for a 7 year old girl to go out that early. I was very disappointed, but I spent a lot of time with my dog and that was fun. I have always loved being outdoors.

By the way. I still had snowball at 15 years old when I met Gil (Papa) on October 10, 1956. I told him all about snowball and when he walked me to my door, I had snowball shake Gil's hand. Three years later, on October 10, 1959, we were married in North Long Beach, CA.



What music did you listen to?

My favorite song was, and still is, The Lord's Prayer that I learned in church.

My family didn't go to church and they didn't know the Lord Jesus, so I began walking to the Church of God in my neighborhood about 6 blocks from my home when I was 7 years old. I loved the music in worship where all ages worshiped together and we sang a special Happy birthday song for each person as they put a penny in a bank for each year of their life. The congregation would count out loud with each coin, so we all knew how old the person was. The first time I got to do it was when I turned 8 and I was so pleased to be 8 years old. Sometimes the older people used dimes, quarters, etc. to make it go faster and everyone would laugh because we couldn't count their age.

What did you wear to school?

I wore dresses because girls were not allowed to wear pants to school. But when I got home and on the weekends, I wore my older brother Terry's hand-me-down jeans which I loved.

If you had a TV what was your favorite show?

We didn't have a television. I loved the radio program Tom Mix. My brother Terry and I would order different items for play that were advertised on the program. Terry kept his in a drawer and they were always perfect, I played with mine until they were worn out.



*Just married...*



# *Family*

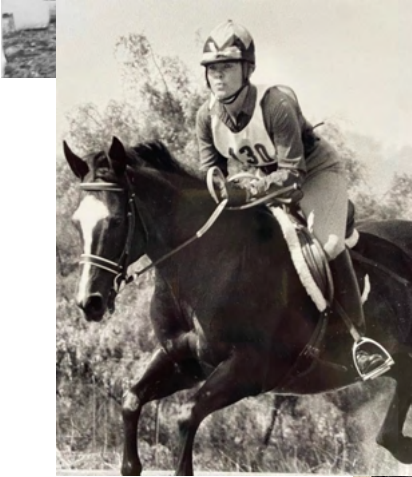
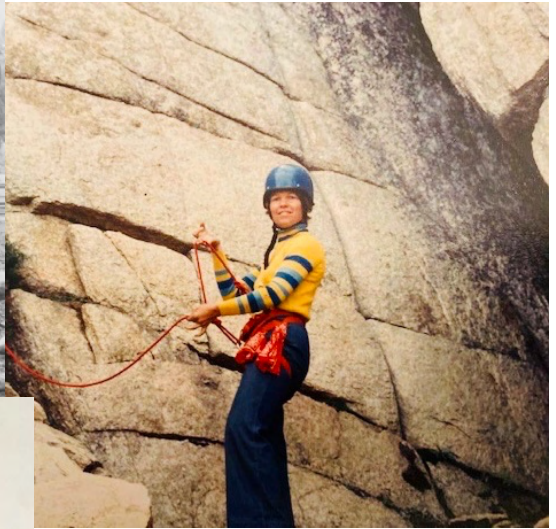








*On the go...*



## Vicki Orr Elected Queen

NEWPORT BEACH -- Vicki Orr has been elected by the Balboa Ski Club to compete for Sno Ball Queen at the annual Sno Ball to be held at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica on October 29th. Vicki is an active skier and a resident of Huntington Beach. The proceeds from the Sno Ball go for area development and junior events.

The Balboa Ski Club has a very active season planned. "Dryland" ski school will be given in October and a Dick Barcymore movie will be sponsored in

November. Numerous





Released Time Christian Education (Laguna Beach 1970s)

*Recent comments from adults who experienced Released  
Time Christian Education as children*

“Wow! I totally remember her now. Sweet, sweet lady. A wonderful role model for me.”

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“I loved Release Time Christian Education at El Morro all through elementary school. I got my mom to sign the permission even though she wasn't Christian. I loved the music and stories and this was the beginning of my walk with Jesus to this day. I learned about prayer and how he loved the little children. Wouldn't it be great if this was still part of our schools?”

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“The bells ring at lunchtime at Top of the World elementary school. It's 1975 and I'm 9 years old...We are especially eager to get out on time today, because we're gonna get On The Bus. My bestie's mom, Mrs. Orr (I was allowed to call her Vicki) runs the show. She's slender and blond and confident.... Inside the bus, it's cozy and

colorful. There are storybooks and shag carpet and waxy  
Dixie Cups with sweet liquid and cookies. But we come  
for the music.

Out comes the guitar.  
“I am the resurrection and the life;  
He who believes in me will never die.”

The words are written on a board we all can see.

Just music and clapping and storytelling  
And joy of devotion.  
And a woman who wants nothing of me except to share in  
the rejoicing of song and laughter.”



Graduation Day  
Fuller Theological Seminary



# Los Angeles Times

## Church to Install Its 1st Female Associate Pastor

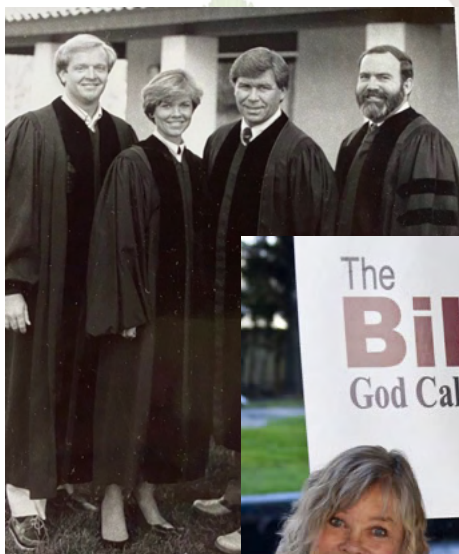
By MARY E. GILSTRAP

Jan. 31, 1987 12 AM PT

Pastor Vicki Orr will be ordained and installed at a special service beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Presbyterian Church of the Master, Oso and Marguerite parkways in Mission Viejo.

Presbyterian clergy and officials from throughout Orange and Los Angeles counties will be present at the ordination of Orr, who will become the church's first female associate pastor. She has previously spent 10 years as director of Christian Education at the Laguna Presbyterian Church in Laguna Beach while getting her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

During the latter part of her studies, Pastor Orr spent a year at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove as a clinical pastoral educational intern, as well as an intern at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach.



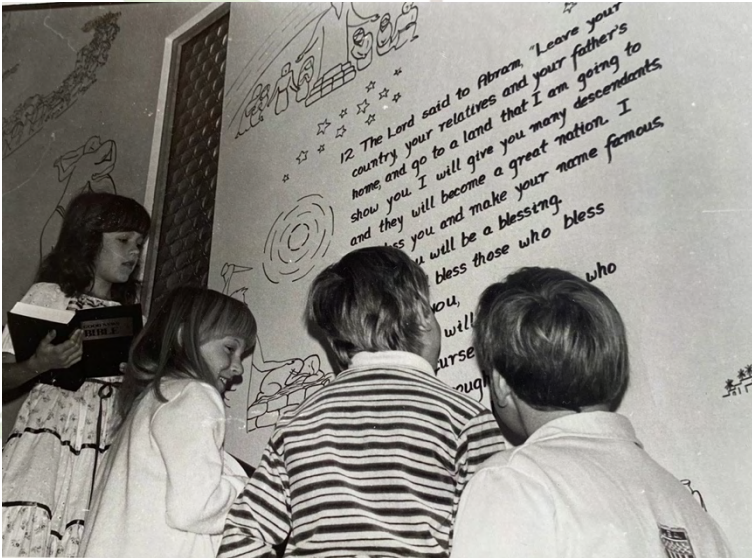
Presbyterian Church of  
the Master



Vicki Orr Ministries



Bible Study trips to  
Israel and Turkey



Creating Good News Bible murals on the  
walls leading to Sunday School  
Laguna Presbyterian Church (1970s)

## *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease

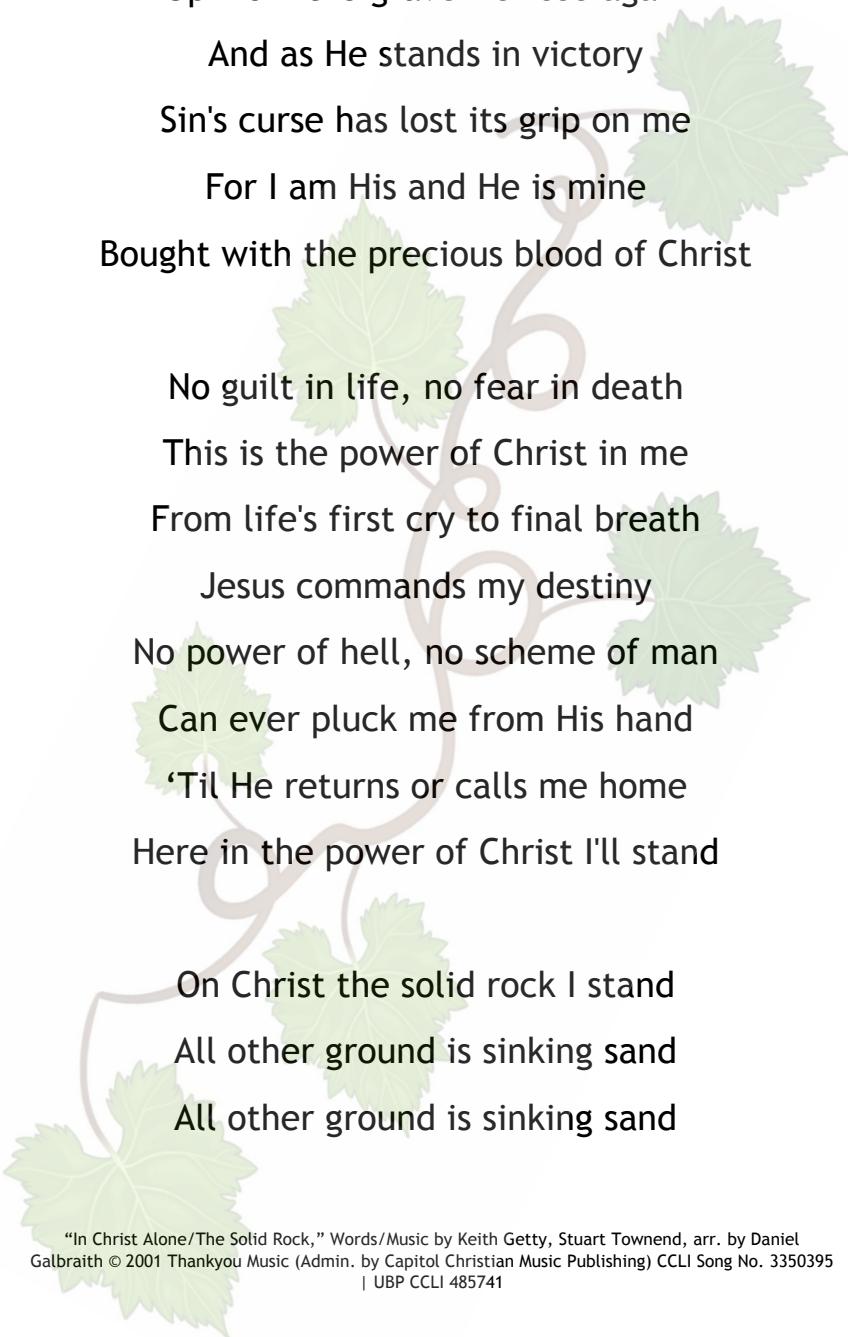
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain





Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

On Christ the solid rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground is sinking sand

"In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock," Words/Music by Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, arr. by Daniel Galbraith © 2001 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol Christian Music Publishing) CCLI Song No. 3350395  
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to either of the following organizations:*

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