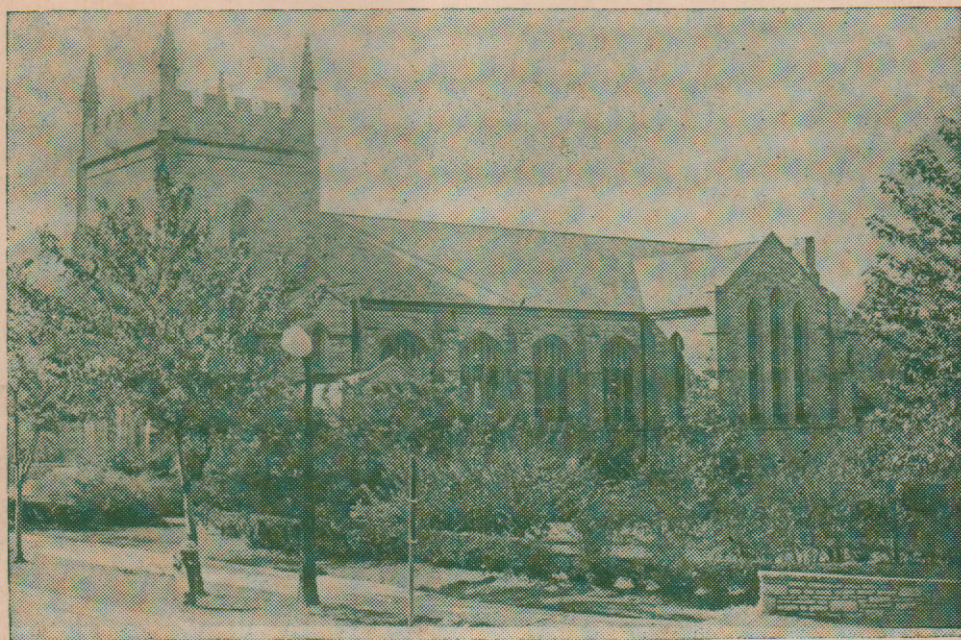


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Hanley Road and Davis Drive
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One Hundredth Anniversary Program

1844-1944



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ONE HUNDRED YEARS

1844—when the United States had had a Constitution only fifty-six years, only forty years after Lewis and Clark started exploring the West, thirty-two years after the War of 1812, thirteen years after Missouri had been admitted to the Union as a state, thirteen years after the Baltimore and Ohio had put into operation its first steam engine, four years before gold was discovered in California, two years before the declaration of war with Mexico, Texas was not yet a state, the National debt was less than sixteen million dollars, Davidson College was only seven years old, and St. Louis had a population of 34,140 people, (but no railroads, no concrete highways, no telephones, electric lights, water connections.)

1844—the year in which the Y. M. C. A. was organized in London, when Joseph Smith succeeded Brigham Young as head of the Mormon Church, when James K. Polk was elected the eleventh President of the United States, in which S. B. Morse invented the magnetic telegraph, Goodyear patented a process for vulcanizing India rubber, and the Second Presbyterian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, was organized. In this year, on the 19th of April, in a frame building on the southeast corner of 6th and St. Charles Streets, was born a new church with thirty-two charter members. This church, a daughter of the Second Presbyterian Church, was christened the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Saint Louis.

Who then dreamed of the changes one hundred years would bring? Broad paved avenues, electric lights, steam railways, electric railways, automobiles, the airplane, radios, X-rays, etc. and Saint Louis a metropolitan area of a million people or more. For the church itself, who could foresee: four buildings—one at 8th and Locust (1848-1873); one at Garrison and Lucas (1873-1906); a third at Delmar and Clara (1908-1929); the fourth on Hanley Road and Davis Drive (1931); one merger, with the Clayton Presbyterian Church. (This church had been founded May 8, 1886, and for over thirty years preceding the union with Central had been served by Dr. Walter M. Langtry); Eleven ministers: Rev. Alexander Van Court, Rev. S. J. P. Anderson, D. D., Rev. Robert Brank, D. D., Rev. Edward G. Mack, D. D., Rev. A. F. Carr, D. D., Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D. D., Rev. Donald McLeod, D. D., Rev. James L. Fowle, D. D., Rev. Theodore S. Smylie, D. D., Rev.

Walter M. Langtry, D.D., Pastor Emeritus, and Rev. B. F. Hall, D. D., and a century of faithful testimony and magnificent usefulness.

These years have enlisted the devotion of the prominent men and families too numerous to mention: leaders in the past and present civic life of this great city, statesmen, financiers, lawyers, bankers, publishers, theologians, and businessmen. Its membership, influenced by the times and three removals Westward, has fluctuated up and down. Never less than the original thirty-two, in 1922 it reached a total of 1106. Its strength for service is indicated by the contributions of a single year. During 1928, the congregation raised for all causes \$59,685.88.

Throughout the Mexican War, the Civil War, the War with Spain, the great World War and now this second World War,, through a dozen panics, through the Old School—New School theological controversy, though the divisions and animosities that arose in the wake of the Civil War, in good times and in bad, this church has ministered with unfaltering fidelity to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its sons have heard the call of the Gospel ministry, its wealth has promoted Missionary activities around the world. Under its ministry the hungry have found the Bread of Life, the sinner has found forgiveness, the sad and lonely have discovered comfort, and the discouraged have found new hope.

1944—Central finds itself located in one of the most beautiful and promising sections of the city, with a plant distinguished for its beauty, and second to few, if any, in the excellence of its equipment. The membership of 1,090 is served by a staff of six and a large number of lay workers. Dr. B. F. Hall, Dr. Walter M. Langtry, and Rev. Herman Schuessler are the ministers. Mrs. Doyne C. Neal is the organist and director of a choir that presents fine music for the church in its various services and activities.

—Adapted from 90th Anniversary Bulletin.

Sunday, April 16, 1944

MORNING WORSHIP—ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: Andante "Fifth Symphony".....Beethoven

Processional Hymn No. 342: "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand"

Invocation

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn No. 205: "How Firm A Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"

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Apostles' Creed

Dexology

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Psalm No. 90

Anthem: "Hallelujah Chorus" from the "Mount of Olives".....Beethoven

Scripture Lesson

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Offertoire: Anthem "Sanctus".....Gounod
Tenor: LeRoy Hartt

SermonDr. D. W. Richardson

Recessional Hymn No. 352: "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Finale" from "First Symphony".....Maquaire

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Dr. Donald W. Richardson is the present Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. He has served the church as a minister and teacher. He is professor of Comparative Religions and Missions in the Union Theological Seminary of Richmond, Virginia.

The Young People of this church will entertain the young people of the St. Louis Presbytery in their Annual Spring Rally which begins at three o'clock this afternoon and continues through the evening service.

Sunday, April 16, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "The Basket Weaver"—"St. Lawrence Sketches".....Russell

Processional Hymn No. 253: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Invocation and Response

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Ordination and Installation of New Deacons

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Anthem: "Jesus, The Very Thought is Sweet".....Hosmer

Contralto, Carolyn Hackmann

Duet: Alto and Tenor, Dorothy Bercaw and LeRoy Hartt

Soprano, Josephine Blum

Baritone, Barton Payne

Scripture

Soprano Solo: "Hear My Prayer".....Hamblen
Josephine Blum

Prayer and Response

Anthem: "Lo My Shepherd Is Divine".....Haydn

Hymn No. 242: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Offertoire Soprano Solo: "O Divine Redeemer".....Gounod
Betty Dee Dunn

SermonDr. D. W. Richardson

Recessional Hymn No. 456: "The Shadows of the Evening Hours"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Anniversary March".....Erb

* * * Ushers will seat late entrants.

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The new deacons elected by the Congregation on March 22, 1944 are Messrs. Bert Baugh, M. H. Cable, Robert Ferguson, Frank Garner, Victor Hallauer, C. C. Hood, B. D. Hull, Roger Kipp, E. R. Knoll, Herbert Moon, and L. P. Wetzel.

Monday, April 17th, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Passacaglia in C Minor".....Bach

Processional Hymn No 345: "The Church's One Foundation"

Invocation and Response

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Scripture

Anthem: "Praise the Lord".....Cesar Franck

Address.....The Rev. J. Francis Sant, D. D.
Rector of the Church of St. Michael and St. George

Hymn No. 330: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Prayer and Response

Address.....The Rev. Charles M. Crowe, D. D.
Minister of The Centenary Methodist Church

Offertoire: Soprano Solo, "Hear Ye Israel" from "The Elijah".....Mendelssohn
Verdalee Adams

Address.....The Rev. Clark W. Cummings, D. D.
Executive Secretary, The Metropolitan Church Federation

Recessional Hymn No. 301: "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction and Response.....Rev. Sidney E. Sweet
Dean, Christ Church Cathedral

Organ Postlude: "Grand Chorus".....Richard Key Biggs

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We welcome the ministers and the people of the churches of St. Louis and the County who join with us on this evening for worship and fellowship as our church celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary. You are cordially invited to the reception in the church parlor immediately following the evening service.

Tuesday, April 18, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Piecce Heroique".....Cesar Franck

Hymn No. 470: "Abide With Me"

Prayer and Response

Inspirational Address.....Dr. George Mauze

Special Music.....McPheeters Memorial Choir

Installation of Rev. H. H. Watson

Home Mission Superintendent, St. Louis Presbytery

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Words of Institution

Chorale: "Christ We Do All Adore Thee".....DuBois
"Seven Last Words"

Prayer of Dedication

Response: "The Lord's Prayer".....Malotte
Verdalee Adams

Distribution of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Response

Hymn No. 458: "Softly Now the Light of Day"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: Chorale, "Lord God, Have Mercy".....Bach

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We welcome Dr. George Mauze to our pulpit this evening as the Presbytery of St. Louis and the Auxiliary of Presbytery join for worship and the re-dedication of their members in service to Christ and His Kingdom. Dr. Mauze is the pastor of The First Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He is the son of Dr. J. Layton Mauze who was pastor of this church from 1902 to 1917.

Wednesday, April 19, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Chorus of Angels".....Scotson Clarke

Processional Hymn No. 120: "Rejoice, All Ye Believers"

Invocation and Response

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Soprano Solo: "Still, Still With Thee".....Oley Speaks
Oliver Kercher

Scripture

Prayer and Response

Tenor Solo and Chorus: "Father Into Thy Hands I Commend My Soul"
from "The Seven Last Words"DuBois
T. S. Patrick

Hymn No. 194: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

Offertoire: Contralto Solo, "Gethsemane".....Salter
Carolyn Hackman

Sermon.....Dr. Edward H. Mack

Recessional Hymn No. 191: "I Lay My Sins On Jesus"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Allegro" from "The Second Sonata".....Mendelssohn

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Dr. Edward H. Mack has served the church as a minister and a teacher. He was pastor of this church from 1895 to 1897. After leaving the pastorate Dr. Mack became one of our outstanding teachers and scholars in the field of the Old Testament.

Thursday, April 20, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Caprice in B Flat".....Guilmant

Processional Hymn No. 25: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Invocation and Response

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Soprano Solo and Chorus: "Olivet to Calvary".....Mauder
"Another Temple Waits Thee"
"Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord"
Josephine Blum

Scripture

Prayer and Response

Baritone Solo: "The Lord's Prayer".....Forsythe
Dutton Biggs

Hymn 413: "O God, The Rock of Ages"

Offertoire: Soprano Solo and Chorus, "The Marvelous Work Behold
Amazed" from "The Creation".....Haydn
Rebecca Woodward

Sermon.....Dr. James L. Fowle

Recessional Hymn No. 95: "Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God".....Karg-Elert

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Dr. James L. Fowle is the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was the pastor of this church from 1923 to 1929.

Friday, April 21, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "In the Church".....Novak

Hymn 395: "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"

Invocation and Response

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Anthem: "Come To My Heart Lord Jesus".....MacFarlane
Soprano Solo: Olive Kercher

Scripture

Prayer and Response

Hymn No. 72: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Offertoire: Soprano Solo, "When I Consider Thy Heavens".....Scott
Verdalee Adams

Sermon.....Dr. James L. Fowle

Recessional Hymn No. 389: "We Have A Story To Tell To the Nations"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Grand Chorus".....Gigout

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This is Young People's Night. All of our young people and their friends are invited to meet Dr. Fowle at an informal reception given by The Seniors and The Fellowship Group immediately following this service.

Sunday, April 23, 1944

MORNING WORSHIP—ELEVEN O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Allegro—Sixth Symphony".....Tschaikowsky

Processional Hymn No. 1: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Invocation

Lord's Prayer

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Hymn No. 7: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

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Apostles' Creed

Doxology

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Anthem: "Hallalujah! Amen!" from Judas Maccabeus.....Handel

Psalm No. 147

Soprano Solo: "With Verdure Clad" from "The Creation".....Haydn
Rebecca Woodward

Scripture Lesson

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Offertoire: Anthem, "Behold, God The Lord Passed By"
from "The Elijah".....Mendelssohn

Sermon..... Dr. James L. Fowle

Recessional Hymn No. 115: "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Presto—Sinfonia" from the Cantata, "We Thank
Thee God, We Thank Thee".....Bach

* * * Ushers will seat late entrants.

Sunday, April 23, 1944

EVENING WORSHIP—EIGHT O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude: "Andante" from "Sonatina".....Roger

Processional Hymn No. 20: "O God Whose Law From Age to Age"

Invocation and Response

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Contralto Solo: "The Prayer Perfect".....Oley Speaks
Carolyn Hackman

Scripture

Prayer and Response

Anthem: "Pilgrims' Song".....Tschaikowsky

Hymn No. 392: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Offertoire: Solo, "Grant Me Dear Lord, Deep Peace of Mind".....Stickles
Ann Anzulovich

Sermon.....Dr. James L. Fowle

Recessional Hymn No. 451: "Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Benediction and Response

Organ Postlude: "Allegro Maestoso".....Scarmolin

Organ Numbers by Mr. William A. Langtry

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

The years of scientific ingenuity and ease of living are striking and impressive, but they leave in the mind of the thoughtful observer a doubt as to whether all this actually constitutes an evidence of progress. That question is still more acute just now. We see the ingenuity of man devoted with fiendish skill to the purpose of human destruction and we cannot but be struck with the idea that while there has undoubtedly been great progress in things, there has been little progress, or perhaps, even regress in the matter of human beings. Now, we of Central Church are celebrating our Century of Progress. We have no such spectacular display to lay before the world, as that which was spread out at the Chicago World's Fair, but there is reason to believe that the evidence of true progress may be sounder and more conclusive.

A hundred years of service to Christ and His Kingdom, a hundred years devoted not to the improvement of things, but to the regeneration of human beings is a record to inspire us, but it would be well to remember that this Centennial is not so much an end as it is a beginning. We could well take Paul's advice, "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

This is no time to rest upon our laurels. What our fathers have accomplished lays a goodly foundation upon which it is our responsibility and our privilege to build a temple of achievement in the days of the second century of Central Church. Let us build this new century out of the enduring material of our loyalty, our love, and our supreme devotion to Christ.

THE PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is past, we look back across the brief span of our church's existence and we are impressed by the evidences of thy guidance and care through the years. We pray thee O God, who art the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, that thou wilt be the God of the future, as thou hast been the God of the past. God of our Fathers, be our God. Light of their lives, enlighten us and grant unto us, O God, the grace to walk in the path which thou dost make clear before our feet, so that this century may be a century of glorious fulfillment; a century in which the promises of the past shall become the realities of the present. This we ask in the name of Christ. Amen.