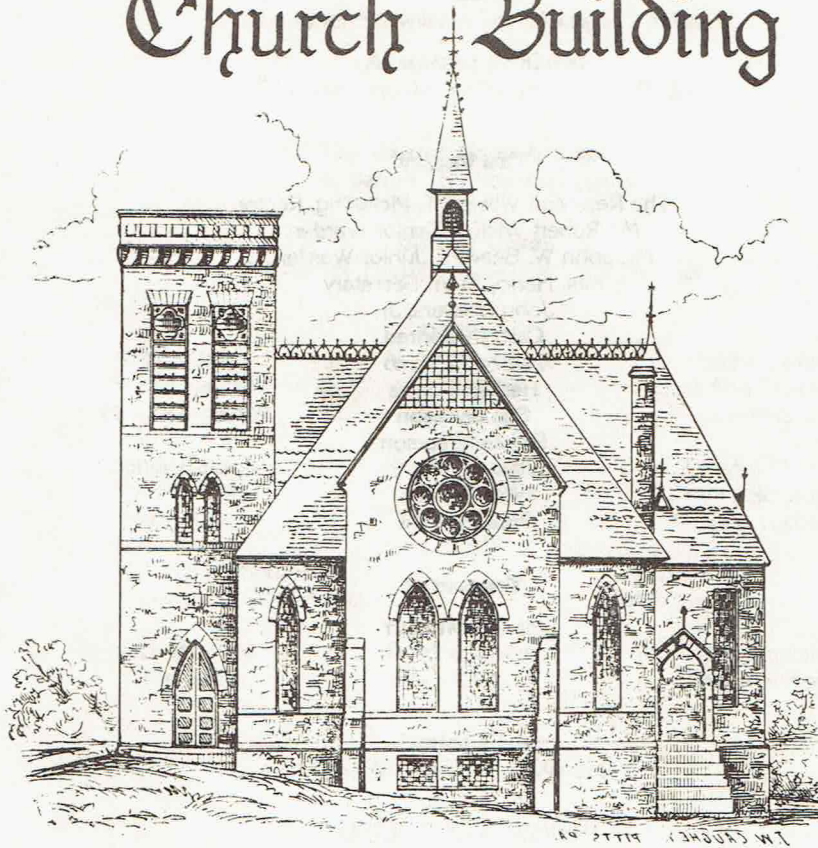

90th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church Building



Christ Church
GREENSBURG, PA

Wednesday Evening, December 2, 1981.

The Vestry

The Reverend William T. Pickering, Rector
Mr. Robert Wicker, Senior Warden
Mr. John W. Beavers, Junior Warden
Mrs. Nancy Starr, Secretary
John Beavers, Jr.
Carolyn Conrad
Nancy DiPrimio
Herbert Ferree
Sue Jamison
Richard Pearson
James Smith
Asa Wilson
Howard Yant

Treasurer

Mr. Relton Starr

Rededication of the Building
Blessing of Hangings, Vestments and Funeral Pall
Choir Concert
Anniversary Celebration

Rector

The Reverend William Todd Pickering, M.Div.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend James Vance Ezell, II, M.Div.

The Christ Church Choirs

Mr. James Thompson, Organist

Senior Choir

Mr. James Thompson, Senior Choir Director

SOPRANO

Diana Dixon
Virginia Harrison
Margot Ingersoll

Mary Ann Kissell
Elaine Powell
Julie Smith

Marsha Tallant
Carla Ann Thompson
Dee Wicker

ALTO

Sandy Carlson
Lynette Clark
Nancy Clark

Sherry Fitzpatrick
Joan Hughes
Eleanore Pearson

Carolyn Quinn
Nancy Schnupp
Virginia Tuscano

TENOR

Doug Berghorn
Louis Cockram-Ashley

Herb Ferree
Ralph Hargnett

BASS

Jack Beavers
Tom Clark

Gordon Graham

Ralph Ingersoll
Robert Yeager

Junior Choir

Mrs. Marsha Tallant, Directress

JUNIOR CHOIR MEMBERS

Amie Carlson
Nicole Clark
Fred Ebert

Tracy Ebert
Christina Graham
Meegan Haldiman
Cassandra Tallant

Ann Henry
Amy Lapisardi
Becky Seighman

Lay Readers

First Lesson: Christine Thibodeau

Second Lesson: Louis Cockram-Ashley

Acolytes

Beth Fitzpatrick

Kathy Schnupp

John St. Clair

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ORGAN PRELUDE *The Prince of Denmark's March*
Jim Thompson, Organ Jeremiah Clarke
William Cline and Jan Benson, Trumpets

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord is King*
Sung with Trumpets Darwall's 148th

Congregation Sings Stanzas 1-2-4

1. *Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore!
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*
2. *The Lord, our Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*
4. *Rejoice in glorious hope! our Lord the judge shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Bidding Prayer and Rededication

The Rector says

Through the ages, Almighty God has moved his people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the building of Christ Church we are now gathered to rededicate it in God's Name.

Let us pray. *(Kneel)*

Everliving Father, watchful and caring, our source and our end: All that we are and all that we have is yours. Accept us now as we rededicate this place to which we come to praise your Name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your Word, and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people.

The Senior Warden says

Lord Jesus Christ, make this a temple of your presence a house of prayer. Be always near us when we seek you in this place. Draw us to you, when we come alone and when we come with others, to find comfort and wisdom, to be supported and strengthened, to rejoice and give thanks. May it be here, Lord Christ, that we are made one with you and with one another, so that our lives are sustained and sanctified for your service.

The Assistant Minister continues

Holy Spirit, open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts, that we may grow closer to you through joy and through suffering. Be with us in the fullness of your power as new members are added to your household, as we grow in grace through the years, when we are joined in marriage, when we turn to you in sickness or special need, and, at the last, when we are committed into the Father's hands.

Rector Now, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we rededicate this place.

People For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Rector Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom;

People And you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

ANTHEM I *With a Voice of Singing*
Senior Choir Martin Shaw

COLLECT ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH
John W. Beavers, Junior Warden

O Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: We give thee thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshipped in this place; and we pray that all who seek thee here may find thee, and be filled with thy joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM II *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts*
Senior Choir Henry Purcell

FIRST LESSON Genesis 28:10-17
Christine Thibodeau

ANTHEM III *Gabriel's Message*
Junior Choir Arr. by David Willcocks

SECOND LESSON I Peter 2:1-5, 9-10
Louis Cockram-Ashley

ANTHEM IV *Out in the Fields with God*
Senior Choir Douglas E. Wagner
Words by Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806-1861)

THIRD LESSON Matthew 21:12-16
The Rev. Canon Allen M. Miller

ANTHEM V *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Senior Choir Hymn tune: Nettleton - Arr. by Hal H. Hapson

HOMILY
The Rev. William T. Pickering

ANTHEM VI *Long Life Shall Israel's King Behold, Psalm 61:6-8*
Senior Choir Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

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ANTHEM VII *Prayer of the Norwegian Child*
Junior Choir Richard Kountz

Blessing of Hangings, Vestments, Funeral Pall

Let us pray. (*Kneel, silence*)

O glorious God, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty: Accept our offering of these altar hangings, and grant that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory: Accept this Cope, Chasuble and Stole for the use of the clergy of your Church, that, being clothed with humility as they minister to you, they may show forth his eternal splendor through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

O God, who baptized us into the Body of your Son Jesus Christ and made us members with different functions, all necessary and all to be honored: Make this Pall a sign of our common membership in Christ, that we may know those who have departed this earthly life, not as the world esteems them, but as you know and love them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

We bless your name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable your servants who have been benefactors to the memorial funds of Christ Church to offer these gifts. Grant that all who benefit from these gifts may show their thankfulness to you by using them in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM VIII *The Mountain of the Lord*
Senior Choir Eugene Butler
Words taken from Micah 4:1-4

OFFERING SENTENCES

Proceeds from the offering at this evening's service will be used to establish a Building Fund for the continued maintenance of our church's physical plant.

OFFERING ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings*
Senior Choir Michael Joncas
Psalm 91

Congregation is asked to sing the refrain.

And He will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.

DOXOLOGY *Vigiles et Sancti with Alleluias*
Sung to Hymn tune 599

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RECESSIONAL HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*
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ORGAN POSTLUDE *Sinfonia*
Jim Thompson, Organ Bach

A reception to celebrate 90 Years in the house for our Church will be hosted in the Undercroft immediately following the evening's service of rededication and choir concert.

