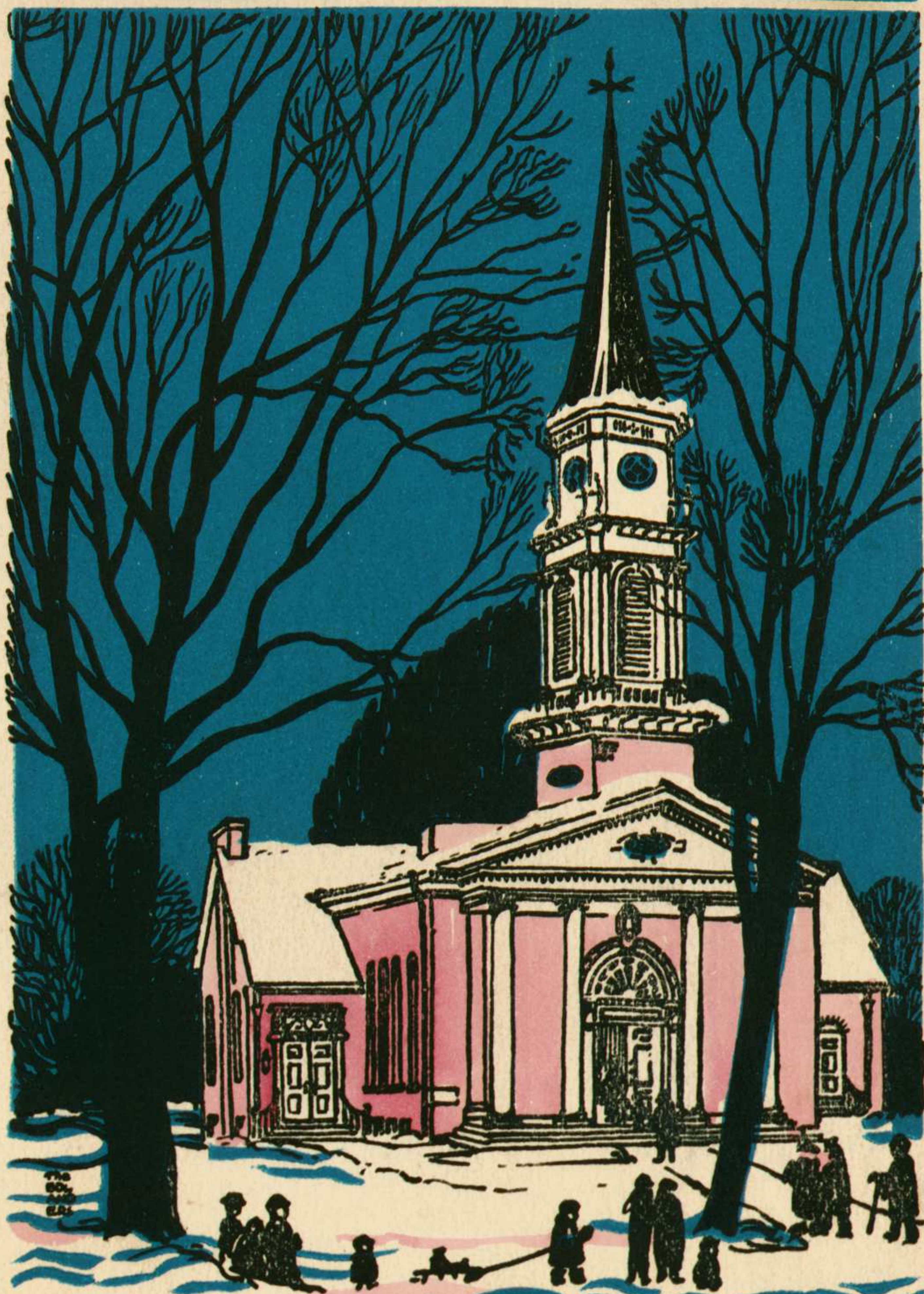


# PROGRAM OF DEDICATION



*First Presbyterian  
Church • Worthington, Ohio*  
**JANUARY 1927**



PRAYER · PRAISE  
THANKSGIVING  
ADORATION





# The First Presbyterian Church

Worthington, Ohio

Tom Penn Allom, A.M., B.D., Minister

*"I was glad when  
they said unto  
me, Let us go  
into the House of  
the Lord."*



*"And I, if I be lifted  
up from the  
earth, will draw  
all men unto  
me."*

*A Spiritual and Social Center*  
WORSHIP      FELLOWSHIP      SERVICE  
**"HAVE FAITH IN GOD"**

## I

*"For the Glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord."*

## II

*"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."*

## III

*"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."*

## IV

*"Wait on the Lord; be of good courage and He shall  
strengthen thine heart."*

## V

*Alone with God*

Go alone, "Shut thy door"—BE STILL a few minutes every  
day

Let God speak to you—teach you HOW to Meditate and  
to Pray.

## VI

*The Fellowship of Silence.*

Moment by moment my God is Near, to Hear, to Help, and  
to Heal—

His Presence will go with me: I have felt the Imprint of  
His Seal.

## VII

### IF

You do not attend Church elsewhere, COME WITH US—  
The Church needs YOU. YOU need the CHURCH.

*The pastor and officers of the church will be glad to meet all  
visitors.*

*Come! A warm welcome awaits you. Come!*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

VANCE M. SMITH, *Superintendent*

Sunday, January 2, 1927

9:15 A. M.

### OPENING EXERCISES

#### SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

SUPERINTENDENT: Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

SCHOOL: I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go into the House of the Lord.

SUPERINTENDENT: The Lord is in His Holy Temple let all the earth keep silence before Him.

SCHOOL: They that worship God must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

SUPERINTENDENT: Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

SCHOOL: Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

SUPERINTENDENT: Babe of Bethlehem.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

SUPERINTENDENT: Carpenter Boy of Nazareth.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

SUPERINTENDENT: Teacher of Galilee.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

SUPERINTENDENT: Great Physician of body and soul.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

SUPERINTENDENT: Saviour of Calvary.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

SUPERINTENDENT: Risen and living Lord.

SCHOOL: To Thee we dedicate these rooms.

ALL (in unison):

Jesus take this heart of mine  
Make it pure and wholly Thine  
Thou hast lived and died for me  
I will henceforth live for Thee.



Sing softy—

I.

Just as I am without one plea  
Dear Jesus now I come to Thee,  
Thou art my Friend and Saviour, too,  
I want Thy will to always do.

Just as I am without one plea  
I consecrate my life to Thee,  
Now guide and keep me ever true  
From day to day and all life through.

II.

ALL (in unison):

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we consecrate these rooms to the study of God's Word, and the work of the church of the living God, the up-building of the Kingdom of our Lord, and the worship of Almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION—PASTOR.

LESSON STUDY HOUR.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

Sunday Afternoon, January 2, 1927  
3:30 o'clock

UNVEILING OF TABLET

*To the Memory of*

REV. EDWARD MILTON PAGE, D. D.

Tom Penn Ullom, E. S. Albaugh, V. M. Smith,  
Participating.



# DEDICATORY SERVICE

Sunday Afternoon, January 2, 1927  
2:30 o'clock

ORGAN PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

RESPONSIVE READING

HYMN

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON—OLD TESTAMENT

SOLO—"Ninety-first Psalm" ..... *MacDermid*  
ADDIE MILLER

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON—NEW TESTAMENT

PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... REV. D. H. CRAMER  
*Moderator, Columbus Presbytery*

HYMN

SERMON ..... REV. SAMUEL S. PALMER, D. D.  
*Pastor, Broad Street Presbyterian Church*

WORDS OF DEDICATION

"The Lord is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth keep  
silence before Him."

*Silence*

PASTOR: To the glory of God our Father, by whose  
favor we have built this house; To the honor of Jesus, the  
Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord and Saviour;  
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life; For  
worship in prayer, song and fellowship; For ministry of the  
word; For celebration of the holy sacraments;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR: For comfort to those who mourn; For strength  
to those who are tempted; For help in right living;



CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR: For the sanctification of the family; For the guidance of childhood; For the salvation of men;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR: For the fostering of patriotism; For the training of conscience; For aggression against evil;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR: For the help of the needy; For the promotion of brotherhood; For bringing in the kingdom of God;

CONGREGATION: We dedicate this house.

PASTOR AND CONGREGATION: We, the people of this church and congregation, now consecrating ourselves anew, dedicate this entire building in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

SOLO—"Give Thanks and Sing" ..... *Harris*  
MRS. STELLA G. NELSON

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS ..... DR. PALMER

HYMN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

May this church in its spirit and activities transmit to all who worship here and to this entire community the inspiration to noble and useful living.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

"Reverence is one of the signs of strength; irreverence one of the surest indications of weakness. The fine loyalties of life must be revered or they will be foresworn in the day of trial."



## DEDICATION HYMN

Words by the Pastor

TUNE—NETTLETON

## I.

In this House, today, Dear Father  
We, Thy children, seek Thy face  
Come and bless us with Thy presence  
For we need renewing grace.  
Make us worthy of Thy favors  
Make us what we ought to be  
May we ever be found faithful  
Doing something Lord for Thee.

## II

In this House, today, Dear Father  
We, Thy children, thank Thee now  
For this Home—so precious to us  
And for all Thou dost bestow.  
Consecrate us to Thy service  
As we give this House to Thee:  
Make us more and more like Jesus  
Till that likeness others see.

## III

In this House, today, Dear Father,  
We, Thy children, sing Thy praise  
Thou hast saved us, led us, blessed us  
Thou hast kept us all our days.  
Take us now and keep us ever  
For we need Thy guiding hand  
May our love for Thee grow stronger  
Till we reach that Heavenly Land.



REVEREND E. MILTON PAGE, D. D.

Minister, 1923-1925

In the heart of my predecessor, (the Reverend E. Milton Page, D. D., whose death occurred on July 4, 1925), the idea of Our New Temple of Worship had its inception. It was largely through his wise counsel, persuasive utterances and exemplary life that the congregation was held together during a transition period and encouraged to undertake the erection of this edifice that we dedicate to God this Holy Sabbath Day. "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHICH DIE IN THE LORD; THAT THEY MAY REST FROM THEIR LABORS; AND THEIR WORKS DO FOLLOW THEM."

THE ONE FOUNDATION

Words by the Pastor

TUNE—DUKE STREET

I

We build on Christ, our Saviour, Friend,  
The one Foundation that will last  
Until we reach our journey's end  
And all the storms of life are past

II

May this become a House of Prayer,  
Where weary ones find peace and rest  
Be freed from sin and from all care  
Their strength renewed, their souls refreshed.

III

We seek the Spirit's guidance here,  
To lead us on in righteousness;  
And help us grow from year to year  
In deeds of love and faithfulness.

IV

To Thee, O God, forevermore—  
"Thy Kingdom come" in all the Lands  
"Thy will be done" from shore to shore  
To this we give our heart and hands.



### A SPLENDID START: A FINE FINISH

And it came to pass in those days that a certain woman—a member of this Congregation—whose heart God had touched—came to the conclusion that our accommodations for religious services and social functions were not adequate to meet the requirements of our growing and progressive community. After prayerful deliberation she quietly announced that she would gladly give *Five Thousand Dollars* toward a new church.

This significant amount gave impetus to others who also responded generously—AND BEHOLD THIS IS DEDICATION DAY!

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### TO THE COLUMBUS PRESBYTERY: GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This Congregation acknowledges with grateful appreciation the Generous Gift of Seventy-five Hundred Dollars—toward our New Church Building—Fifteen Hundred Dollars to be paid annually—from the Columbus Presbytery. By the help of God as individuals and as a Church we hope to live worthily of this Sacred Trust you have reposed in us. We shall consider ourselves Morally Obligated to unite Our Endeavors with those of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly in the Maintenance and Enlargement of every good work at home and afar.

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### OUR THANKS

We have received many generous contributions from those who are not members of this Congregation. We hereby express our sincere thanks to them for the interest they have manifested in our welfare and for their assistance in our New Church Building enterprise.

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### ORGAN RECITAL

Tuesday Evening, January 4, 8:00 P. M.

*By*

MR. ERNEST L. MEHAFFEY, *Organist*  
First Baptist Church,  
Columbus



# THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF THE REV. TOM PENN ULLOM

Thursday Evening, January 6, 1927

7:30 o'clock

## ORDER OF SERVICE

THE REV. D. H. CRAMER, D. D.

*Moderator of the Columbus Presbytery, Presiding*

ORGAN PRELUDE

HYMN

SCRIPTURE READING ..... REV. R. A. CHANDLER  
*Pastor, Oakland Park Presbyterian Church*

SOLO—"The Lord is My Light" ..... *Oley Speaks*  
MRS. STELLA G. NELSON

SERMON ..... The REV. EDWARD A. KRAPP, D. D.  
*Pastor, First Presbyterian Church*

HARP SOLO ..... MISS DOROTHY ALBAUGH

PROPOUNDING CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

INSTALLATION PRAYER ..... The REV. F. A. WILBER, D. D.

CHARGE TO PASTOR ..... The REV. WILLIAM HOUSTON, D. D.  
*University Pastor*

CHOIR, "Praise Ye the Lord" ..... *Wilson*  
SOLO BY MRS. T. N. HEYWOOD

CHARGE TO CONGREGATION .....  
The REV. ARTHUR H. LIMOUZE, D. D.  
*Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church*

HYMN

BENEDICTION ..... The REV. TOM PENN ULLOM  
*Pastor, Worthington Presbyterian Church*

ORGAN POSTLUDE



## FIRST SUNDAY—1927

9:15 A. M. Sunday School.  
10:30 A. M. Sermon by the Pastor.  
A New Year's Message: The Changelessness of God.

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

9:15 A. M. Sunday School.  
10:30 A. M. Worship and Sermon. Dedication of children. "A little child shall lead them." May God abundantly bless our boys and girls.

## VESPER SERVICE

*Four o'clock*

The Mount Vernon Presbyterian Quartette:

Mrs. Lucille Anderson—*Soprano*

Mrs. Mabel B. Layfield—*Alto*

Mr. Walter Burris—*Tenor*

Mr. Lawrence E. Sperry—*Bass*

Mrs. Willard McIntire—*Organist*

Rev. Francis A. Wilber, D. D., will deliver the address

SUBJECT: The Ministry of Music

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## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:30 P. M.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCHES  
COMMUNITY NIGHT

The music for this occasion will be furnished by the St. John's Church Choir.

Prayer will be offered by Rev. J. Emory Walters, Superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home.

Greetings from:

Rev. E. R. Stafford

Rev. W. A. Stimson

Dr. George T. Harding

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:15 A. M. Sunday School.  
10:30 A. M. Worship and Sermon.  
Every Member Communion Service.



## SUNDAY EVENING, JANUARY 16

7:30 P. M. An Evening of Song and Special Music with a Sermon by the Rev. Frederick Kirker, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Lebanon, Ohio. Mr. Kirker as a boy, attended our Sunday School, graduated from our High School, and from the Ohio State University. He has his Theological B. D. Degree from the McCormick Seminary in Chicago.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

9:15 A. M. Sunday School.

10:30 A. M. Sermon by the Pastor.

7:30 P. M.

Our Boys and Girls

Dr. J. A. Verburg

Director, Religious Education, Presbyterian Church,  
Synod of Ohio

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

9:15 A. M. Sunday School.

10:30 A. M. Worship and Sermon. RECEPTION OF  
NEW MEMBERS.

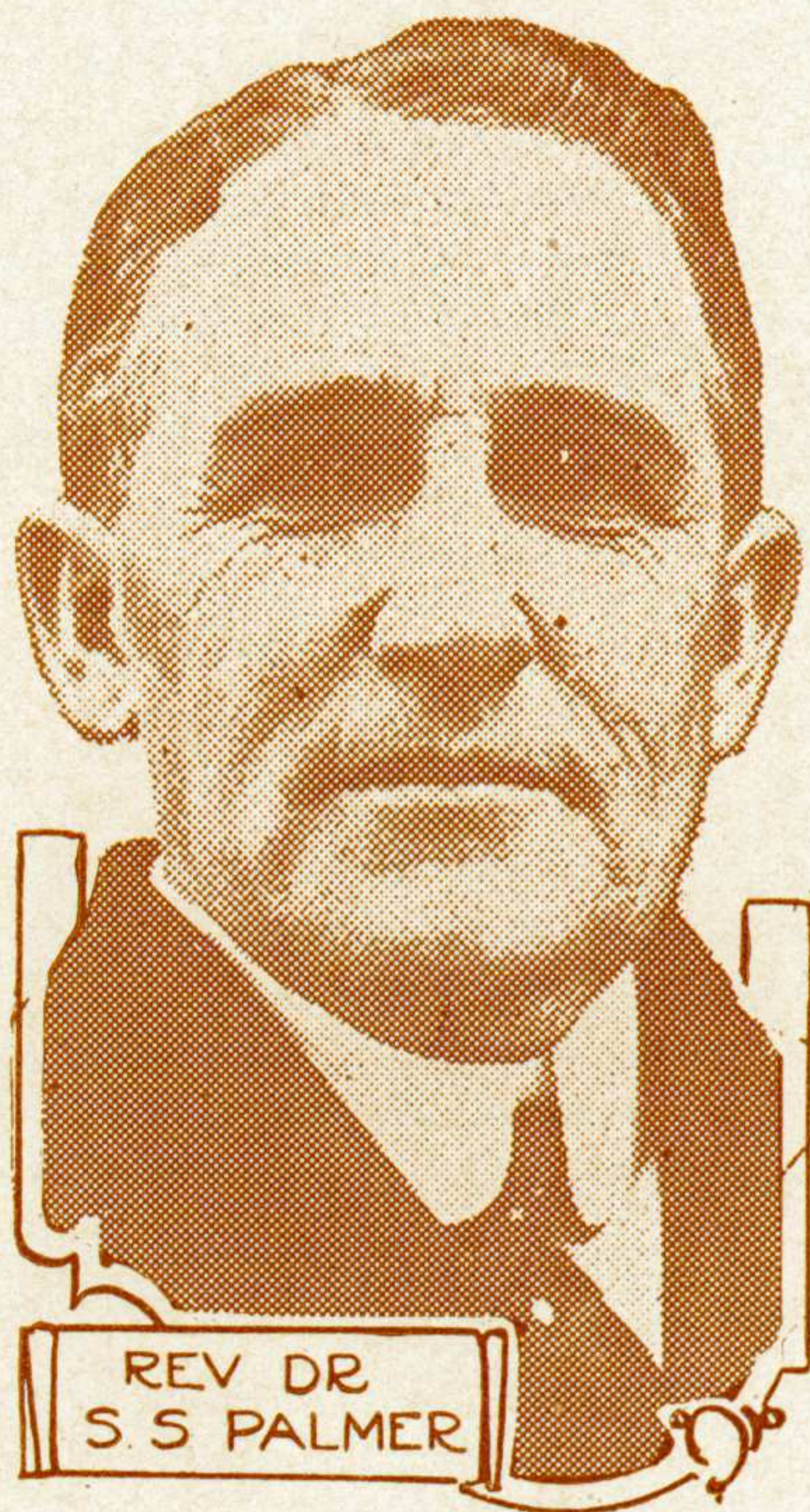
7:30 P. M.

Rev. William Houston, D. D., University Pastor, will speak. SUBJECT: Education—As It is Related to Success, Happiness and Usefulness.

## MRS. NANCY CLEVELAND

It is the Unanimous Desire of the Members of this Congregation to have placed on the list of those of Eminent Worth—the name of Mrs. Nancy Cleveland, who Mothered this Church for more than Fifty Years. Surely we can say of her as was said by Our Master of one of the New Testament Characters—“She Hath Done What She Could.” It should also be stated in this paragraph that Mrs. W. S. Park was her loyal and faithful associate. They kept the Sacred Fire Burning during those days when the Light was about to go out!





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## EVERY MEMBER CANVASS: THE BUDGET

### A STEWARDSHIP CHURCH

Last year (1925-26) the financial record of the Presbyterian Church was the best ever made. Some denominations have been insistent in urging that their members set aside one-tenth of their income for giving to the service of God. The churches that have adopted this plan are giving far in excess of the per capita of the Presbyterian Church. The quota of each church is the amount which the Presbytery believes that particular church should assume as its just and fair share of the denominational benevolence budget. Quotas are never arbitrarily imposed nor are they to be considered as assessments.





REV. TOM PENN ULLOM

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## OUR PRAYER

Almighty God,

whose blessing has followed this Church through all her history, grant that Thy benediction may attend and hallow the services of these days of dedication. Awaken within us the desire to dedicate ourselves in loving devotion to Thee and to Thy Church. Bless those who have given of their time and substance to make the House of God Beautiful, and may a new sense of the beauty of the Lord come upon all our people to the end that His praise shall be on every tongue, and His love in every heart. In the Name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

(HUGH T. KERR, D. D.)

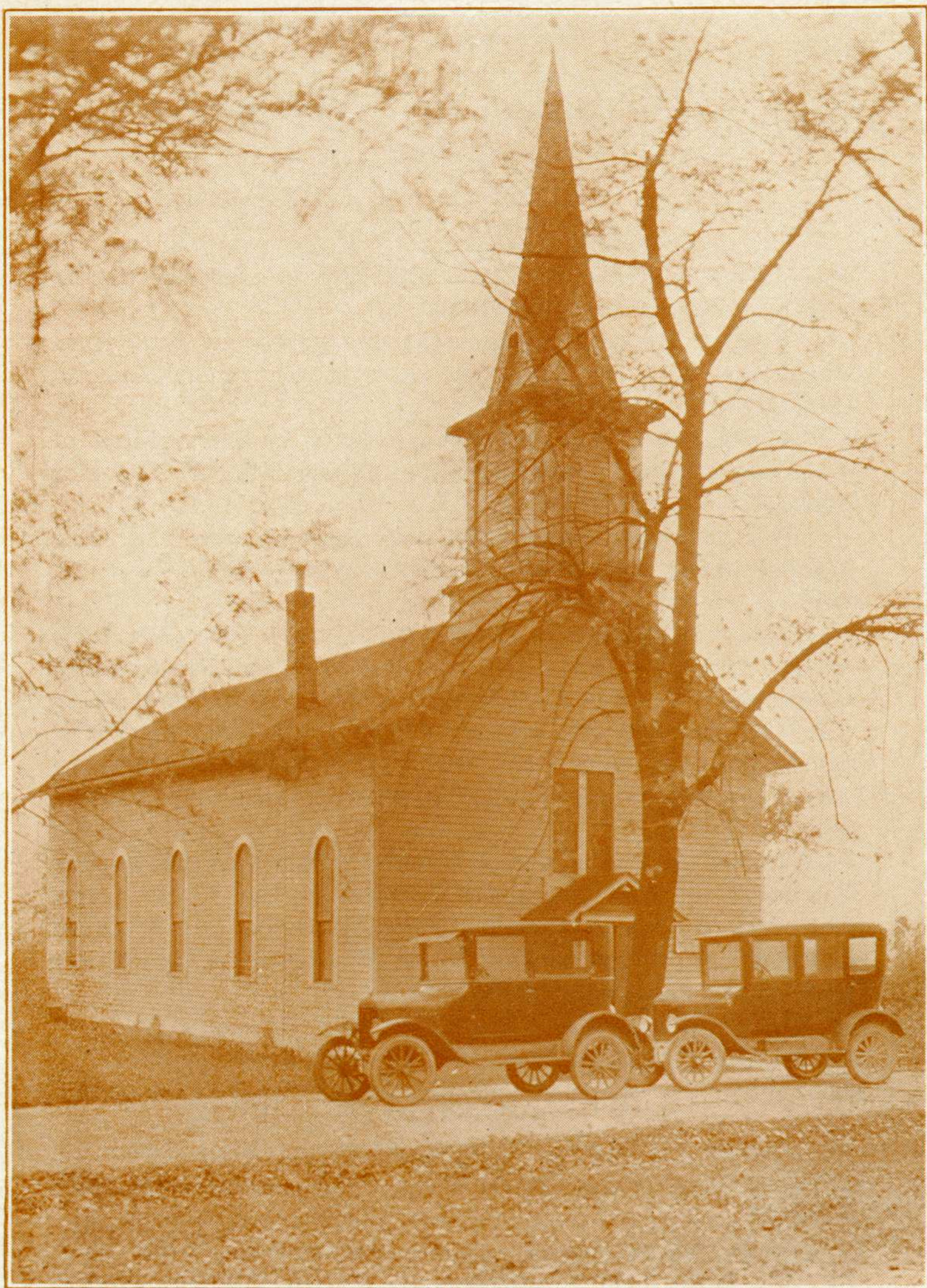


## MINISTERS

1817	Ebenezer Washburn, S. S.
1819	John B. Whittlessey, S. S.
1822	Alexander Cowan, S. S.
1824	Stephen Lindley, S. S.
1826-1830	Highland Hulburd
1831-1832	James and Henry Wells, S. S.
1833-1834	James Labaree, S. S.
1834-1835	——— Highby, S. S.
1835-1837	Simeon Woodruff
1838-1839	Alexander Cowan
1839-1842	Timothy Stearns
1842-1846	John Donaldson
1846-1847	S. K. Hughes, S. S.
1849-1857	Thomas Woodrow, D. D.
1857-	James Hoge, D. D., S. S.
1857-1861	Silas Johnson
1861-1862	James H. Gill, S. S.
1863-	J. K. Kost, S. S.
1865-1867	J. D. Howey, S. S.
1868-1869	H. Bartholomew
1870-	M. D. A. Steen, D. D., S. S.
1872-1874	David Kingery
1875-1878	Charles Pelton
1878-1882	J. L. Gage, D. D.
1882-1883	Charles Lee, S. S.
1885-1886	Robert L. Armstrong, S. S.
1888-1893	S. P. Herron
1893-1894	John Bliss
1894-1905	H. P. MacAdam, D. D.
1906-1908	Campbell L. Mackay
1908-1912	Wm. Hooper Adams
1913-1917	Wm. Blake Hindman
1917-1919	David E. Craighead
1921-1923	Hamilton B. Williams
1923-1925	Edward Milton Page, D. D.
1925-	Tom Penn Ullom

NOTE: S. S.—Stated supply. Remaining ministers were regular pastors.





## THE OLD CHURCH

*Now moved to the rear and used for Sunday School Purposes.*

The old order changeth: but precious memories abide.  
The indispensable and imperishable values of that unseen  
world live on forever.



## CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

1816-1916

June Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth

The one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of this church was observed with appropriate exercises during the three days mentioned above.

William Blake Hindman was the pastor at that time. He is now with the First Presbyterian Church of Aurora, Illinois.

A letter was read from Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, grandson of Dr. Thomas Woodrow, pastor 1849-1857.

The following paragraph was copied from The Ohio State Journal, Columbus, Sunday morning issue, June 18, 1916.

"One hundred years of sun and shadow have left their marks upon the walls of the Worthington Presbyterian Church, which today completes its Centennial Celebration in three special services. If the weather is fair, the little church nestling under the trees 10 miles from Columbus will be the Mecca for many pilgrims from city and countryside."

Among those who had some part in this program appear the names of Rev. Campbell L. Mackay, Dr. W. B. Gage, Rev. Wm. Hooper Adams, Dr. E. P. Edmunds, Dr. M. D. A. Steen, Dr. H. P. MacAdams, Mr. B. W. Herrman, Dr. Walter H. Houston and Dr. S. S. Palmer.

## HUGH MacMASTER KINGERY

College Professor. Born at Murdoch, Ohio, March 13, 1860. Son of Rev. David and Cornelia Ayres (Shields) Kingery.

A. B., University of Wooster, Ohio, 1884, A. M., 1887, Ph. D., 1892, Litt. D., 1916. L. H. D., Wabash College (Indiana), 1923. Professor of Latin, College of Emporia, Kansas, 1884-1891; Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1891-1916. Since then professor emeritus.

Rev. David Kingery was pastor of the Worthington Presbyterian Church, 1872-1874.



## ORGANIZATION OF THE WORTHINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The Peter Barker House"

"The Old Blacksmith Shop"

"Upper Room of the Academy"

"Masonic Hall"

### 1830—FIRST CHURCH ERECTED—1830

On June 18, 1816, at the home of Peter Barker (the house still stands on High Street), a small company of people met and organized the Presbyterian Church of Worthington.

Only eleven people were present at this first meeting.

They held services in various places: in the homes of the members, in the upper room of the academy, in an old blacksmith shop that had been made ready for such a gathering, then in a small brick school house. On the first of January, 1822, the Trustees rented the Masonic Hall for a period of six and a half years. On the twelfth of May, 1828, preliminary steps were taken toward the erection of a house of worship.

The church was completed April 17, 1830.

### SECOND CHURCH

March 24, 1863

At a special meeting of the "Presbyterian Church and Society in Worthington" this day, at their usual place of worship, for the purpose of considering the subject of erecting a new building for Public Worship:—

Rev. James H. Gill was called to the chair.

Resolved unanimously: That this church and society feel the necessity of a new house for public worship.

After a free discussion upon the subject of a location, expense of building, etc., a committee of five was appointed to prepare a subscription paper and circulate the same and report at an adjourned meeting to be held one week from Friday next.

G. R. Holt, B. Phinney, James P. Wright, W. M. Fuson and William S. Park were appointed a committee.



April 3, 1863

Pursuant to adjournment the "Presbyterian Church and Society in Worthington" met at their usual place of worship at one o'clock P. M.—the Rev. James Gill in the chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted.

The committee appointed at last meeting, reported that they had obtained subscriptions to amount to Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Dollars—(\$3820), and land valued at Five Hundred Dollars.

The same committee was continued and requested to go over the same ground again and use their best efforts to increase the amount and report at some future meeting.

Adjourned, sine die.

A. KILBOURN, *Clerk.*

The church has no record in its possession prior to May, 1832. The first book of sessional records is also missing. Book No. 2 begins with September, 1834.

## THE CHURCH WE DEDICATE TODAY

### *Funds Assembled*

During the pastorate of Dr. Page preliminary steps were taken and funds were assembled for the purpose of erecting a Church that would meet the needs of this growing community.

### *Ground Broken*

On Wednesday morning at nine o'clock, November 18, 1925, a small group gathered at the rear of their old church, and held a brief but impressive service when the ground was broken for excavating the basement. The services were in charge of the pastor.

### *Cornerstone Placed*

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1926, the cornerstone was laid with appropriate services under the direction of the pastor.

After the singing of the doxology, Rev. F. A. Wilber, moderator of the Columbus Presbytery, offered the prayer. The audience then sang "Faith of Our Fathers." The Scripture was read by Rev. R. B. Wilson, pastor of the Crestview Church.

The address was given by Rev. Arthur H. Limouze, D. D., pastor of the Northminster Presbyterian Church.



*Greetings*

Mr. Charles F. Johnson brought greetings from the Broad Street Presbyterian Church; Mr. C. L. Dickey from the Indianola Presbyterian Church, and Mr. W. C. Cless from the Central Presbyterian Church.

Elder W. B. Kirker assisted in placing the stone in position. A brief history of the church was read by Vance M. Smith.

A closing hymn and the benediction was pronounced.

*First Services*

The first services in this church were held as follows: On Christmas Sunday, December 19, the Sunday School met at 9:15. Morning worship was also conducted in the Sunday School rooms.

On Sunday, December 26, the congregation met in the main auditorium. The subject of the pastor's sermon was: "The House of God in Human History."

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GUESS WHO! THERE ARE OTHERS!

1. The Financial Engineering of our New Building Project was done in a superb manner by one who has shown the way: it is up to us to pay!

2. The woman who has as much energy as a Steam Engine and as Ingenious and Industrious as a whole Bee Hive—a Queen in Action—inspiring and leading others!

3. Number "Two" has some counterparts—facsimiles—in the Congregation!

4. The Two Pals—who swept and scoured and scrubbed and smiled and smoked the "Pipe of Peace"!

5. The girl who said—"It can be done"—and went ahead and did it!

6. The man who with others began to reorganize the Men's Bible class in a drug store. It is up to them to make it Go! GROW AND GLOW!

7. The woman who was as stable as Mahogany during many years—but alas! She was physically unable to occupy one of our Mahogany Pews the First Sunday in Our New Church Auditorium.



## COPY OF THE CALL OF THOMAS WOODROW

Worthington, Ohio,

September 20, 1852

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Church and Society in Worthington, regularly notified and holden at their usual place of Worship this day.

After Divine Service had been conducted by the Rev. J. D. Smith of Columbus, he took the chair and opened the meeting for business.

Whereupon the Church and Society elected by ballot The Rev. Thomas Woodrow to be their pastor or Bishop, unanimously.—

A call in due form was then made out to the Rev. Thomas Woodrow, D. D., by the Rev. J. D. Smith and signed by the Elders and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church and Society to pay annually \$350.00 payable in semi-annual payments unto the Rev. Thomas Woodrow for his pastoral services the whole time. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Smith. Adjourned.

A. KILBOURNE, *Clerk.*

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SUNSHINE AND SHOWERS*Welcome*

Your creed may be somewhat different from ours—and also mine—But nevertheless you will be as Welcome as the Sunshine!

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Your creed may be somewhat different from mine—and also ours—But nevertheless you will be as Welcome as spring-time Showers!

“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.”

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## WOODROW WILSON'S LETTER

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, *May 1, 1916*

MY DEAR MR. HINDMAN:

Your letter of April 28 has reached me and interests me very deeply indeed. I wish with all my heart I could accept the invitation which it conveys.

I should like very much to be with your Church on that occasion and to join with you in doing honor to my grandfather and the other pastors of the Worthington Presbyterian Church: but I should not be worthy of my grandfather if I did not put my duty before everything else and it is clearly my duty to deny myself for the present, privileges of this sort.

I must stay here and do my best.

With the best wishes for a celebration successful in every respect.

Cordially and Sincerely Yours,

WOODROW WILSON

To William Blake Hindman, Pastor, Presbyterian Church,  
Worthington, Ohio.

This letter was written by President Wilson about the time of the sinking of the Lusitania during the World War. It was a reply to Pastor Hindman's letter inviting him to take part in the Celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of this church.

Mr. Wilson also sent a telegram which was read on the Sunday morning of the Celebration and Two Dozen large American Beauty Roses which were placed on the pulpit in memory of his grandfather—Dr. Thomas Woodrow, Pastor, Worthington Presbyterian Church, 1849-1857. (See page 20.)



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## THE SESSION

Rev. Tom Penn Ullom ..... *Moderator*  
 W. B. Kirker ..... *Clerk*  
 W. H. Fisher, E. S. Albaugh, V. M. Smith, G. H. Moore,  
 Dr. T. N. Heywood

## THE TRUSTEES

Edward Heil ..... *President*  
 E. C. Heaps ..... *Secretary*  
 G. W. Beaver, F. R. Detrick, Glover Porter, J. F. Wright

## CHURCH TREASURER

J. F. Wright

## REGULAR MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Session and of the Board of Trustees will be held on the First Tuesday evening of each month in the Church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Vance M. Smith ..... *Superintendent*  
 E. C. Heaps ..... *Secretary*  
 J. H. Wagner ..... *Treasurer*  
 Fred Schaeffer ..... *Librarian*  
 Virginia Ullom ..... *Assistant Pianist*

## MUSIC

Zoe Edith Page ..... *Choir Director*  
 Mrs. Francis A. Wilber ..... *Organist*  
 Miss Irene Epler ..... *Pianist*  
 Charlie Carter ..... *Violinist*

## AUXILIARIES

Mrs. Mary M. Kingery, *President Missionary Society*  
 Mrs. Viola Beaver, *President Ladies' Aid Society*  
 George Warner ..... *Sexton*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

F. R. Detrick ..... *Chairman*  
 G. W. Beaver, G. H. Moore, E. S. Albaugh

## MEN'S CLUB

F. E. Archer ..... *President*  
 Dr. T. N. Heywood ..... *Vice-President*  
 Vance M. Smith ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*  
 Time of Meeting: Third Tuesday of each month



## COLUMBUS PRESBYTERY

The history of the Presbyterian Church in Ohio and "adjacent parts," begins with the labors of James Hoge, who was born in Moorfield, Virginia, July 4, 1784.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the Presbytery of Lexington, Virginia, April 17, 1805.

In 1805 the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, sitting in Philadelphia, appointed James Hoge a licentiate to serve as a missionary for six months in the State of Ohio and adjacent parts.

This service Mr. Hoge performed from October, 1805 to April, 1806.

His commission was renewed in 1806. His compensation was thirty-three dollars a month.

Mr. Hoge arrived in Franklinton November 19, 1805, and preached the next day in the home of John Overdier which was also used by the Supreme Court.

During Mr. Hoge's enforced absence, on account of sickness, the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus was organized by the Rev. Robert G. Wilson, D. D., then of Chilli-cothe and for many years the President of the Ohio University at Athens.

This church was the first of any denomination organized in Franklin County. It was the fruit of the labors of Mr. Hoge and numbered at its organization thirteen members.

On September 25, 1807, the church extended a call to Mr. Hoge for three-fourths of his time; the other one-fourth was devoted to missionary work in the bounds of the county and "parts adjacent."

Mr. Hoge accepted the call and was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Washington, June 17, 1808.

The society thus formed was organized for business July 1, 1821, and assumed the title of "The First Presbyterian Congregation of Columbus."

The influence of Dr. Hoge was not limited to his own church or city.



He was the father of the Presbytery of Columbus and of the Synod of Ohio.

He was a frequent commissioner to the General Assembly in which he was always a power for good.

He was its Moderator in 1832.

He conducted in his own house the first Sabbath School in this part of Ohio.

He was a pioneer in the cause of temperance.

He was for many years a Trustee of the University of Ohio and of the Miami University.

He ardently supported the common school system which was first introduced in 1825.

Doctor Hoge was the real founder of the institution for the education of deaf mutes in our Capital City.

The blind also excited his sympathies and he made an appeal to the legislature for educational facilities for them and he became one of the first trustees of the Institution for the Blind.

The pastoral relation of Doctor Hoge to the First Church was, at his own request and with reluctant consent of his congregation dissolved by the Presbytery of Columbus on June 30, 1857.

In this same year, 1857, Dr. Hoge supplied the pulpit of the Worthington Presbyterian Church.

The one hundredth anniversary of Presbyterianism in Columbus was celebrated November 12 to 19, 1905, opening in the great Auditorium on Broad street, Sunday evening, November 12, at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. S. S. Palmer, D. D., presided on the afternoon of the 14th. Many prominent speakers from all parts of our country participated in the exercises.

The Hoge Centenary was celebrated on Sunday and Monday, February 11 and 12, 1906.

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### SPECIAL

Sometime in the near future we hope to have with us:

The Nicholas

The Hards

The Boys and Girls from the Children's Home



# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*(With Acknowledgments to Guy L. Morrill)*

The above is the legal title of our church which distinguishes it from the thirteen other kinds of Presbyterian Churches in America.

The four elements of Presbyterian organization are: The Individual Church with its Session; the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly.

The Session is responsible for the spiritual affairs of the congregation. They examine and receive members into the church. They administer the sacraments.

## THE FOUR BOARDS

Our Church to carry out its denominational program in missions, religious education and ministerial pensions and work of relief has elected four Boards. These Boards are the agents of the Church to execute its mind and are responsible to it through the General Assembly.

1. The Board of National Missions.
2. The Board of Foreign Missions.
3. The Board of Christian Education.
4. The Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation.

The field of endeavor of each Board is distinct and separate and yet together they form a complete whole.

Each individual Church is apportioned a certain amount and it is urged to meet its full quota. No church that is filled with the Spirit of Christ will fail at this point.

## *The Trustees*

The care of the physical plant and equipment of the Congregation and the raising and disbursement of all funds for Church support is the work of the Board of Trustees.

The church elects its trustees to represent it, as a corporation, organized under the law of the state in which it is located and to whose laws it is subject.

"The challenge goes out to every man to support his church, to take an active part in the religious life of his community, to live according to the simple principles upon which this, the greatest country in the world was founded three hundred years ago."—ROGER W. BABSON.



"What sort of a church would my church be  
If all its members were just like me?"

By "Our Church" I mean the 9,648 congregations, the 10,017 ministers, the 1,873,859 members in America and in the mission churches around the world, the more than 8,000 home mission enterprises scattered through every state in the Union and the overseas mission service, with its 84 hospitals, its 2,605 schools and its institutions for the blind, the lepers and the orphans carried on in 15 countries of the world by 1,589 Missionaries and 9,249 native helpers.

This larger meaning of "Our Church" includes all that vast work of education carried on in the home, in the church and in the community and throughout the United States in 57 Colleges, having total assets in equipment and endowment amounting to \$68,391,040 and the compassionate work of relief and the pension system, for aged ministers and missionaries—the Veterans and Honor Men of the Cross—and their widows and orphans.

But as we think of the Presbyterian Church we must remember that there is yet a wider and more inclusive meaning to the phrase "Our Church." We are members not only of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America but also of the Church Universal—the whole Body of Christ—composed of all who believe in Christ as Lord and Saviour and Master.

The Presbyterian Church is a part of the Church of Christ. We must be utterly free from all unwholesome and unprofitable sectarianism.

"O Lord and Master of us all  
Whate'er our name or sign  
We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,  
We test our lives by Thine."

## PRESBYTERIAN BENEFIT DINNER

In the New Dining Rooms  
The Public is Cordially Invited  
Date announced later



# WORTHINGTON

## FOREWORD

As this is probably the only church home that will be built in Worthington strictly of the Colonial type of architecture, it seems fitting for us to present these few words by way of introduction—to serve as a LINK between us and the past and thus BIND us to the EARLY adventurers and settlers of our country and village who were intrepid men and women of high character, noble resolve, and splendid action!

They builded better than they knew—laying their foundations deep, strong and true. It was the Christian faith that glowed in their hearts and created a burning desire in them to explore and develop a portion of the Northwest Territory which had been opened only a few years before.

It was their unfaltering trust in God that made them such dauntless heroes.

They endured hardships “as seeing Him who is invisible.” They overcame obstacles, which were taxing on sinew and nerve, allying themselves with the unseen forces of the Spiritual World.

By their invincible determination, foresight and industry they changed a wilderness—a wild beast infested forest-territory into a habitable, prosperous, and well-behaved community—which today is one of the garden spots and one of the real beloved communities of the world! We pause for these moments to do them honor and render the gratitude of our hearts to Almighty God for this noble heritage that is ours.

It is up to us to carry on as it is only by the eternal vigilance of those who come after them that their good works so auspiciously and unselfishly begun will continue to bring forth a harvest of the best things in life.

They are gone and yet they speak to us and say—“BELIEVE AND GO FORWARD.”

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## THE NAME

After a somewhat thorough investigation the writer concludes that the name of our village was given to honor the memory of Colonel John Worthington, an Assemblyman from



the State of Massachusetts, who had been very successful in adjusting some difficulties that arose in Connecticut and Massachusetts about the time that the Scioto Company was organized in the former state. The town was laid out in 1804. It was incorporated in 1835. From 1840 to 1889 the population increased from 440 to 459.

It was known for many years as one of the prominent educational centers of Ohio.

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### THE VILLAGE

Worthington enjoys the unique distinction of being the most attractive suburb of Columbus.

It is located nine miles north of the State Capitol Building on an elevation that overlooks the beautiful and far-ranging valley of the Olentangy River.

In this diversified and panoramic view there is a happy combination of beauty and utility. The fertile soil produces an abundant supply of the necessities of life, and the fields and forests with their foliage, fruitage and fragrance fill the soul of the onlooker with an ecstasy of delight and the elixir of life.

High Street, the main thoroughfare of Columbus, passes through our village and this nine mile drive is entrancing to any one who enjoys inviting homes, picturesque gardens, well-kept lawns and stately shade trees of every species.

In the midst of this wholesome and inspiring environment we are a most happy and contented people indeed.

Not many communities in this great land of ours surpass us in educational advantages, religious opportunities, social uplift and patriotic sentiment.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."



# FLASHLIGHTS ON THE WILDERNESS DAYS OF WORTHINGTON

## *Gleanings From Many Fields*

### CHAPTER I

Prehistoric. The race to which we ascribe the name of Mound Builders is one of which no chapter of history can be produced. Relics of a rude art enclosed in earth monuments, and skeletons which, in time, literally turn to dust. EXIT FOREVER.

### CHAPTER II

#### *Lo! The Poor Indian!*

The smoke of the wigwam is vanished and the war-cry is heard no more:

Like wild cattle the Red Men were driven from their huts and from shore to shore.

"Who is here to mourn for Logan? Not one."

### CHAPTER III

#### *Mayflower Compact*

"In the Name of God, Amen.—"

### CHAPTER IV

#### *The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers*

##### 1

What sought they thus afar?

Bright jewels of the mine?

The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?

They sought a faith's pure shrine!

##### 2

Aye, call it holy ground,

The soil where first they trod!

They left unstained what here they found—

Freedom to worship God!

### CHAPTER V

#### *The Scioto Company*

The Scioto Company was formed at Granby, Connecticut, in the winter of 1801-02 and consisted at first of eight associates.

The leading light of this illustrious company was Rev. James Kilbourne, an Episcopal minister.



There's a long, long trail a-winding from the Nutmeg State to the Commonwealth of Ohio: from the rocky banks and bed of the Connecticut river to the hilltops of Worthington that overlook the Olentangy!

Here comes the caravan of oxen and horses slowly treading the path where but few white men had ever been. This adventurous but happy group of ninety-nine (a baby girl having been born en route increased their number to one hundred), left Granby, Connecticut, on September 15, 1803, and arrived at Worthington, October 26, 1803.

#### CHAPTER VI

##### *Religion, Education, Patriotism*

The first cabin erected was used for a school-house and church. The first Sabbath after the arrival of the third family divine worship was held in it, and on the arrival of the eleventh family a school was opened. The early attention to religion and education has left its favorable impress upon the character of the people to the present day.

#### COLONEL JAMES KILBOURNE

One of the most widely known of the early pioneers of Franklin County and Worthington was James Kilbourne—borne at Farmington, near New Britain, Connecticut, on October 19, 1770. In 1800, at the age of 30 he conceived the idea of forming the Scioto Company. In 1802 he explored alone this part of the country, and selected the lands for the company, but it was not until 1803 that they were settled in their new homes. He made the first map of the state.

He started the first newspaper in this county—The Western Intelligencer—the predecessor of the Ohio State Journal.

He served four terms in Congress. He was the first Master of the first Masonic Lodge in Central Ohio.

The Centennial Biographical History of Ohio says: Colonel Kilbourne has left the impress of his example upon the State of Ohio—particularly central Ohio—to a marked and notable extent. He was the instigator, advocate and promoter of more enterprises, industries and agencies, which in long and continuous years of development and expansion have grown and become potent and effective, than almost any other citizen from Central Ohio.



### LOST BY ONE VOTE

In the early days there was a contest between several towns, each of which aspired to be the Capital of the State.

In Howe's History, we read: "Colonel James Kilbourne was actively at work for his own town Worthington and had a majority of *one* pledged in the Legislature in his favor. As Worthington was almost the geographical center of the State and his proposals liberal, success seemed assured. When the time came for voting, two of Kilbourne's supporters could not be found, and so the Colonel lost by one majority against him. The two missing members had been successfully hived in a secure retreat with cards and wine."

### A FAMOUS DWARF

William Robe was appointed as the first Past Master at Worthington in 1805. Mr. Robe was a dwarf and an undersized one at that, and was, in stature, at least, the prototype of P. T. Barnum's celebrated Tom Thumb of the middle of the nineteenth century.

His maximum weight was fifty pounds and his stature did not exceed a yard stick.

And withal, he was highly educated, cultured and was neat in appearance, perfectly proportioned, dressed in the highest style of his day and was a perfect gentleman in every respect.

He became a teacher in the Worthington Seminary, the foremost educational institution west of Pittsburgh in that day.

### FIRST NEWSPAPER

The first newspaper published in Franklin county was at Worthington in 1811. It was started by James Kilbourne who was its first owner and it was called the Western Intelligencer. It continued its publication only a short time when he sold it to other parties and in 1814 the office and material were removed to Columbus. Its name was changed to the Western Intelligencer and Columbus Gazette.

After passing through some other minor changes in names it finally became the Ohio State Journal.



### WORTHINGTON'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY

The first celebration of Independence Day in the new colony took place July 4, 1804. The brush was cleared out from the space now occupied by the public square, and rude seats of logs were arranged for the assembled people to sit upon.

The day before the Fourth seventeen gigantic trees, emblematical of the seventeen states of the Federal Union at that time were cut so that a few blows of the axe at sunrise on the Fourth prostrated each successively with a tremendous crash forming a national salute novel in the world's history.

An address was delivered by Colonel Kilbourne.

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### THE MASONIC FRATERNITY

New England Lodge, No. 4, at Worthington, was organized June 28, 1808, under a charter issued by the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Connecticut, and dated October, 1803. Rev. James Kilbourne was appointed first Master of this Lodge.

In 1820 the Masons of Worthington erected a substantial brick hall for Lodge purposes, which is still used at this time.

There is genuine "worth" in Worthington,  
Let's keep it there—  
By high ideals, intelligence  
And living on the square.

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### INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Ark Lodge, No. 270, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, February 22, 1855.

The Lodge was instituted April 16, 1855. In 1873 they purchased the upper story of the Town Hall building for a Lodge Hall, which is now neatly fitted up and supplied with the proper emblems of the order.

There is genuine "worth" in Worthington,  
Let's say we CAN  
Keep it there by each one being  
A Good Samaritan!