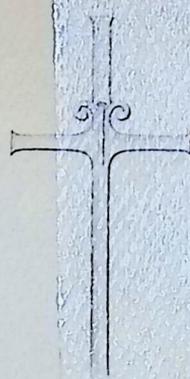


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TRINITY METHODIST
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Sunday, October 1, 1961



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship and Dedication

10:45 A.M.

THE PRELUDE: "March" (From 5th Symphony) Beethoven

THE PROCESSIONAL: "Heralds Of Christ" Copenhaver

THE INTROIT: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple;
let all the earth keep silence
before Him." Choir

THE HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" No. 381 . . . Wesley

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Serve the Lord with gladness.

People: **Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.**

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

People: **He is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Amen.**

THE INVOCATION: REV. JAY B. OSBORNE
(Let us pray.)

O God, eternal and ever blessed, who delightest in the assembling of thy people in the sanctuary; receive us graciously as we come into thy house, and grant, we entreat thee, that peace and prosperity may be found within its walls, that the glory of God may be the light thereof, and that we may be satisfied with the goodness of thy house; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR DEDICATION DAY:

(Here let the people unite with the minister in prayer.)

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM: "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" O'Hara
THE ADULT CHOIR

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THE CANTICLE OF THE CHURCH:

(Here let the people stand and remain standing until after the Affirmation of Faith.)

Minister: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

People: **For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.**

Minister: But the Lord shall rise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

People: **And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.**

Minister: The abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee; the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.

People: **Thy gates shall stand always open; they shall not be shut day or night.**

Minister: That men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led with them.

People: **For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish: Yea, it shall be utterly wasted.**

Minister: Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders.

People: **But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates thou shalt call Praise.**

Minister: The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee.

People: **But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.**

Minister: Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself.

People: **For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.**

THE GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURES—

REV. HORACE C. JONES

THE PRAYER: REV. L. W. PIERCE

THE PRAYER RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" Choir

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Offertory "Meditation At The Cross" Lorenz

THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

"All Things come of thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

THE SOLO: "Bless This House" Brahe

MRS. FRED H. TOLLEY

THE SERMON: "The Last Request Of Our Lord"—

DR. W. RATHMELL ROLLINS

THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE

THE ACT OF DEDICATION:

Presentation of the building for Dedication—

MR. ROY H. McCLURE

**We present this building to be dedicated to the glory of God
and the service of men.**

(Then shall he minister say)

By what name shall this church henceforth be known?

(To which shall be answered)

It shall be called the Trinity Methodist Church.

Acceptance of Trinity Methodist Church for Dedication—

DR. W. RATHMELL ROLLINS

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God put it into the hearts of his people to build this house to the glory of his name. I now accept this building to be known as Trinity Methodist Church, to dedicate it, and to set it apart for the worship of Almighty God and the service of all men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

The Litany of Dedication:

(Then, all standing, the minister shall say, the people responding)

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;
To the honor of his son, who loved us and gave himself for us;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;
For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

For the Comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young;
For the perfecting of the saints;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the Kingdom of God;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

In the unity of the faith;
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and good will to all;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our
Lord;
WE DEDICATE THIS CHURCH.

(Then shall the minister and people together say)

We now, the people of this church and congregation, compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in the faith, confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HYMN ANTHEM: "Temple Building" Sumerau
 THE JUNIOR CHOIR

THE BENEDICTION: REV. GEORGE W. ARMBRISTER

THE THREEFOLD AMEN: Choir

THE RECESSIONAL: "God Be With You" Rankin

THE POSTLUDE: "Recessional March" Mendelssohn

Ministers who served the Wesley House are as follows:

REV. MR. HAVLEY	REV. R. P. CARROLL
REV. MR. HILLMAN	REV. W. L. BRACKMAN
REV. MAURICE DAILEY	REV. C. E. WILSON
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Ministers who served the Trinity Methodist Church are as follows:

REV. CHARLES J. HAWKINS	REV. J. MONROE BALL
REV. HORACE C. JONES	REV. PAUL A. BARKER
REV. GEORGE W. ARMBRISTER	REV. JAY B. OSBORNE

Superintendents who served the Trinity Methodist Church are as follows:

DR. ROBERT H. DUNCAN	DR. THOMAS F. CHILCOTE, JR.
DR. HOMER SLUTZ	DR. W. RATHMELL ROLLINS

PLEASE REGISTER IN GUEST BOOK.

All friends, visitors and members are asked to register today in our guest book located in the narthex of the church.

OUR GRATITUDE.

We acknowledge with sincere appreciation our gratitude to all our friends, churches, business firms, individuals and members for their very untiring, generous support financially and otherwise in helping Trinity Methodist Church to bring to realization this Day of Dedication. May God's richest blessing always be with you.

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A Sketch of History

The story of Trinity Methodist Church begins with a small group of Christian people who met regularly for prayer services in the living room of a boarding house owned by Mrs. Mary Clark. The house was situated on the corner of what is now Fairmount Avenue and Carter Street, where the Trinity parsonage now stands.

Called the Wesley House Society, the group was led by the Rev. Mr. Bunn, and membership consisted mostly of West Bristol, which at that time was sparsely settled.

In 1907 a small frame building, called the Wesley House was erected on a tract of land given for the purpose by the late H. G. Peters, Sr. Its first Board of Trustees was composed of Major A. D. Reynolds, John N. Huntsman, D. D. Hull, H. G. Peters, Sr., and Bland E. Ballard. All of these are now deceased.

A deaconess was placed in charge of the mission house and, as there were no schools nearby, she taught classes until a school was erected to serve children in this area, when the mission was abandoned.

In the 1920's a group from Anderson Street, State Street and Reynolds Memorial (was Mary Street then) Methodist Churches decided to organize a church to use the idle building and a small congregation was established. This organization was served by Circuit preachers and Emory & Henry College Ministerial students for a long period. In 1945 the Rev. Charles J. Hawkins was appointed to the Wesley House parish. The Rev. Mr. Hawkins witnessed a considerable growth in membership and attendance. The Rev. Robert Duncan then District Superintendent became interested in the Wesley House people and urged the building of a more modern and adequate church building to serve the enlarging population of West Bristol.

In the spring of 1947 ground was broken for the new church which was to be located on the same lot of the old church. The basement part of the structure was constructed. The basement was then roofed and used for two years as a place for worship and Church

School. This part of the work was done with volunteer labor. Men and women worked and labored long and faithful to see this much of their dreams come true.

The Rev. Charles Hawkins mentioned above was transferred in the fall of 1947 and was replaced by the Rev. Horace Jones, who served one year and drew the original plans for the new edifice. The Rev. George W. Armbrister was appointed in October 1949, and labored among these people with progress and results. The Rev. J. Monroe Ball was appointed in the fall of 1951 and had a very fruitful tenure for a period of four years.

During Rev. Mr. Ball's tenure the sanctuary and main floor were brought to completion and the basement was partially completed. A Formal Opening and Consecration Service was conducted October 19, 1952. The Rev. Paul A. Barker served the church for two years. In June 1957 Rev. Jay B. Osborne was appointed the pastor and is now serving his fifth year at the Dedication of the Church. During this time one-half of the indebtedness of the church has been paid, and the basement of the church brought to near completion with many other improvements in and out of the church.

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