

# The Consecration



## THE EDUCATIONAL BUILDING The Methodist Church at New Brunswick

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 1966

11:00 a.m.

PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR., *Resident Bishop*  
PAUL A. FRIEDRICH, *District Superintendent*  
F. ELWOOD PERKINS, *Pastor*  
JOSEPH W. RAINES, *Assistant Pastor*



PRINCE A. TAYLOR  
*Resident Bishop*  
New Jersey Area  
The Methodist Church

*"Except the Lord build the house,  
they labor in vain that build it:  
except the Lord keep the city, the  
watchman waketh but in vain."*

PSALM 127:1

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## HISTORICAL WORD

The Reverend George Whitefield preached in New Brunswick in 1739. Sixty years later on June 14, 1798, Bishop Francis Asbury drew up a subscription list marking the beginning of Methodism here. Trustees purchased ground in 1803 from Queens College although the Meeting House was not built until 1811. The Society incorporated this year taking the name, The Methodist Episcopal Church, Shiloh. The corporate name was changed in 1912 to The First Methodist Episcopal Church.

From the former First Church had been organized two other Methodist churches, the Church in Milltown in 1844, and the Church in Highland Park in 1924.

On October 1, 1961 the three Methodist churches in New Brunswick merged: The First, The Pitman (org. 1851) and Saint James (org. 1858).

The new corporation uses the present Sanctuary erected in 1876 to which a "Chapel" was added in 1885 and the tower in 1896.

The "Chapel" was replaced in 1965 with a modern Educational Building now being consecrated. This is the first unit in the rebuilding plan.

# SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

THE PRELUDE—"Now Thank We all Our God" . . . . . *Karge-Elert*

BARBARA HUFF, *Organist*

THE INTROIT—"Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" . . . . . *Bach*

\*THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN—"The Church's One Foundation"

(The congregation will stand and sing on first stanza)

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| 1. The Church's one foundation<br>Is Jesus Christ her Lord;<br>She is His new creation<br>By water and the word:<br>From heaven He came and sought<br>her<br>To be His holy bride;<br>With His own blood He bought her,<br>And for her life He died. | 3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,<br>And tumult of her war,<br>She waits the consummation<br>Of peace for evermore;<br>Till, with the vision glorious,<br>Her longing eyes are blest,<br>And the great Church victorious<br>Shall be the Church at rest.   |
| 2. Elect from every nation,<br>Yet one o'er all the earth,<br>Her charter of salvation,<br>On Lord, one faith, one birth;<br>One holy Name she blesses,<br>Partakes one holy food,<br>And to one hope she presses,<br>With every grace endued.       | 4. Yet she on earth hath union<br>With God the Three in One,<br>And mystic sweet communion<br>With those whose rest is won:<br>O happy one and holy!<br>Lord, give us grace that we,<br>Like them, the meek and lowly,<br>On high may dwell with Thee. |

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP.

Minister: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

People: They that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.

Minister: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING . . . . . THE REVEREND GEORGE R. PROPERT  
*Superintendent—Trenton District*

Almighty God, eternal and ever blessed, by whom favor and grace the labor of thy servants has been so far completed: Hear our prayer for the Parish House and Educational Building, which we from this day forward would devote to the honor of Thy Name. Grant, we beseech Thee, the spirit of praise and thanksgiving for Thine aid in this undertaking, and the spirit of courage and strength in fulfilling its purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION—Let us all pray.

Blessed be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou didst send forth the apostles of old to teach men to observe all things Thou has commanded, we thank Thee for the Church which evermore has held aloft Christ's torch of truth and light in a darksome world. Guide in the right use of the building we set apart, and bless the nurture of the young. Enlighten the minds, enrich the souls, and broaden the fellowship of all who enter its doors. Be Thou in the ministration of the temporal and spiritual affairs of the parish to the deepening of the life of God in ours, and to the uplift of the community; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ANTHEM—"Lead me, Lord" ..... S. S. Wesley  
Junior Choir — MRS. W. WALLACE HILL, *Director*

\*THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... THE REV. JOSEPH W. RAINES  
*Assistant Pastor*

Wisdom has built her a house,  
she has set up her seven pillars.

Does not wisdom call,  
does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights beside the way,  
in the paths she takes her stand;  
beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

"To you, O men, I call,  
and my cry is to the sons of men.

O simple ones, learn prudence;  
O foolish men, pay attention.

Hear, for I speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;

for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;

for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her!

But where shall wisdom be found?  
And where is the place of understanding?

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;  
and to depart from evil is understanding"

Proverbs 9:1; 8:1-7, 10-11 Job 28: 12,28

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON . . . . . THE REV. ROBERT E. ACHESON  
*Superintendent, Bridgeton District*

Epistle to the Ephesians 4: 11-13

THE CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Minister: Let us pray.

THE PRAYER . . . . . THE REVEREND PAUL A. FRIEDRICH  
*Superintendent—New Brunswick District*

THE CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . THE CHOIR

GREETINGS TO OUR GUESTS

THE OFFERTORY—"The Beautitudes" . . . . . *Evans*

WARREN H. SLEMMER, *Soloist*

HERBERT W. HUFF, *Director*

\*THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING . . . . . The Doxology

\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER . . . . . REVEREND F. ELWOOD PERKINS

\*THE HYMN—"Come, Thou Almighty King"

1. Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy Name to sing,  
Help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days!

2. Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our pray'r attend;  
Come, and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend!

3. Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear,  
In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!

THE SERMON . . . . . BISHOP PRINCE A. TAYLOR, JR.

**\*THE HYMN—"Now Thank We All Our God"**

1. Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mother's arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
shall be evermore. Amen.

**\*THE DECLARATION..... BISHOP TAYLOR**

In holy reverence, and in confidence that God our Father will accept that which we do in His name, I now declare the Educational Building to be open for the service of God and man.

For nurture in the truth of the Holy Scriptures; for Christian teaching, fellowship, and service, we reverently set apart and consecrate the building, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Then shall the Bishop and people together pray:**

O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou great Head of the Church, we, the people of this parish, together with all who worship here this day, grateful for our heritage in the faith, do consecrate ourselves anew to Thy service in this City, in the great Community about us, and to the farthest bounds of Thy Kingdom, till all shall confess Thee Saviour and give Thee praise, world without end. Amen.

THE CHOIR—"The Almighty God of Our Fathers"..... *James*

THE BENEDICTION..... BISHOP TAYLOR

THE CHORAL RESPONSE—"The Lord Bless You"..... *Lutkin*

**\*THE RECESSIONAL**

The congregation is requested to rise and remain in the pews during the recessional of the Junior Choir, the Bishop, and officiating clergy. Visiting clergy and guests will follow.

**\*THE POSTLUDE—"Psalm 19"..... *Jenkins***

*\* Indicates where to stand.*

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Immediately following the service there will be a Reception in the Fellowship Hall. Bishop and Mrs. Taylor, the visiting clergy, and guests, will be glad to greet all present at this informal occasion.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service has arranged for light refreshments and the "Open House" today will continue until four o'clock.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The following have served on the Committee during the planning and construction:

LAWRENCE H. SCOFIELD, *Chairman*

Hazel S. Albright	James A. Mason
Burton Anderson	Alan A. Meredith
Dr. Herman Y. Carr	Ralph Molter
Rev. John R. Carty	William L. Nicholls
Dr. Charles E. Erickson	Rev. Ira S. Pimm, D.D.
John C. Ferriday	Rev. F. Elwood Perkins
Dr. James W. Green	Rev. Joseph W. Raines
C. Walter Hooper	Thomas L. Robinson
Martin L. Hunter	Donald W. Sisler
Harry S. Layton	Robert L. Van Deursen
	David Williams

## THE CRAFTSMEN

Maurice Reinholt Salo, New York, N. Y.—*Architect*

Garlatti Construction Co., Highland Park, N. J.—*Contractor*

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## THE FUTURE

The congregation regrets that the contract to have the exterior of our Church renovated has to be postponed until Spring because of adverse weather conditions.

We are grateful for the pride our members take in their Church, as well as for the contributions that continue to come in for the renovation.

The architect's plans for the new Educational Building include the replacement of the present church structure in the near future.

We request the prayers of all for divine blessing upon the forthcoming Church Advancement Crusade, March 11-23, 1966 for the purpose of reducing the indebtedness on the new building.

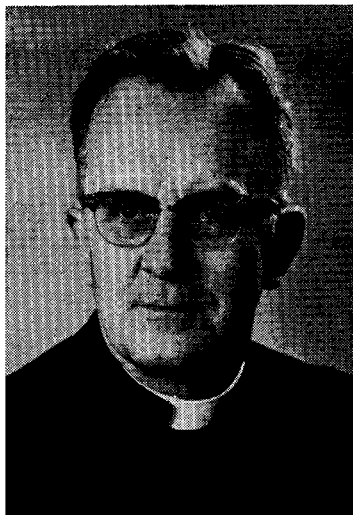
## Appreciation

The officials and members of the Church are grateful to our Bishop, the Cabinet, their wives, visiting clergy, and distinguished guests, for their presence today. To the many who have given of their time, labor, and money, we record our thanks with deep feeling. From all we ask your prayers for strength and blessing in the continuing effort of New Brunswick Methodism to advance the cause of Christ and to remove the indebtedness on the new building.

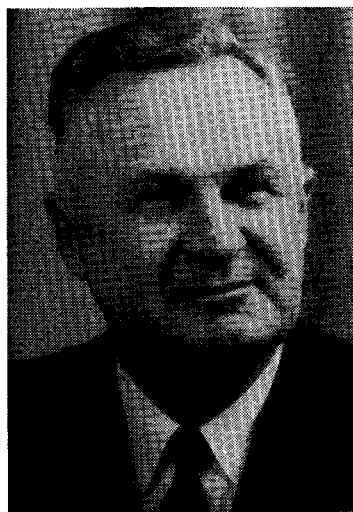


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