

Celebration of Thanks



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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

40th Anniversary of
The Founding of the Church

On Sunday January 27, 1985, the James River Presbytery held a worship service in our building here at 3000 Grove to officially declare to the world that All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church was a “particularized” congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Pastors and Ruling Elders from around the region came to install Howard Griffith as pastor of this new church and to install Ruling Elders: Doug Westcott, Greg Brooks, Phil Scott, Gary Witthoeft, and Deacons: Al Yancey, Lamont Wade, Tim Cox, and Mark Barnard. Some of the men from the Presbytery included Pastors Bill Harrell, Ed Clowney, and Charlie Drew, as well as Ruling Elder Dick Chewning. 101 souls (communicant and non-communicant) were members of the church that day. Thirteen are still members of the church: Carolyn Gile, Rick Hutton, Bill & Jane Ivey, Ann Petty Johnson, Scott & Debbie Robinson, Tom Shea, Lamont & Terrill Wade, Al & Sue Yancey, and Janet Zeigler.

Rev. Charlie Drew preached at the worship service that “particularized” us as a congregation. He was a pastor in Charlottesville, VA at the time. He has returned to preach for us on this our 40th Anniversary. Charlie Drew is a pastor, teacher, and author. He pastored churches in Charlottesville, Long Island, and Manhattan before retiring in 2017 from Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, which he founded in 2000. Since then, Charlie has been teaching seminarians and pastors under the auspices of Redeemer City to City, focusing on preaching and calling. For two years he served as interim lead preacher at Redeemer East Side in Manhattan. Charlie’s books include *Surprised by Community: Republicans and Democrats in the Same Pew*, *The Ancient Love Song: Finding Christ in the Old Testament*, and *A Journey Worth Taking: Finding Your Purpose in This World*. He was educated at Harvard and Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). Father of two and grandfather of four, Charlie lives in New York with his wife Jeannie.

If you are visiting with us, more information can be found on the inside of the back cover of this bulletin.

Lord's Day Worship
January 26, 2025

Giving God Praise for 40 Years of Blessing to All Saints

Welcome

Worship Leader
Mr. Noah Rivers

Call to Worship *

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

Trinity Hymnal, number 92

Prayer of Adoration *

Romans 12:14-21

Reading of the Law

Leader: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

People: Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Unison Confession of Sin

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is nothing good in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore

* Congregation Stands

those who are broken and contrite; according to Your promises declared unto men in Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of His name. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 138 – *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* *
Trinity Hymnal, number 88

Scripture Reading

Psalm 133; pew Bible page 519

Rev. Fred Sloan **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Petitions**

Collection

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord *
Trinity Hymnal, number 353

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26; pew Bible page 903

Rev. Charlie Drew

Sermon

“Surprising and Winsome Community”

The Church’s One Foundation *
Trinity Hymnal, number 347

Rev. Dennis Bullock

Lord’s Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Words of Institution *

As part of the Lord's
Supper, we confess our
common faith.

Confession of Faith *

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

As instituted by our
Lord, wine is the
element used in the
Lord's Supper to show
forth His Blood on
our behalf
(Mark 14:23-25).

If, however, for
reasons of conscience
or health, you are
unable to participate
using wine, grape juice
is provided on the
outer ring of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers
are provided on each
bread tray.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Distribution of the Elements

Doxology *

Trinity Hymnal, number 733

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Benediction

John 17:20-26

“Surprising and Winsome Community”

Order of Worship
Particularization Service of All Saints RPC
January 27, 1985

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

27 January 1985, 9 a.m.
The Organization of All Saints Reformed Presbyterian Church
by The James River Presbytery

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Preparation for Worship, Introductions	Mr. Griffith
Prelude	Ein Feste Burg by J. Pachelbel
Call To Order, Call To Worship: Responsive	Mr. Harrell

L Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

P Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty; The Lord, mighty in battle.

L Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in.

P Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*Hymn of Adoration, No. 50(10)	"Praise To The Lord"
Prayer of Adoration	Mr. Griffith
Confession of Sins	
Assurance of Pardon	

RECEPTION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination	
New Testament Lesson	Revelation 12
Sermon: "The Church In Battle"	Mr. Drew
*Hymn No. 269	"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

Public Reception of New Members	Mr. Griffith
Opening Remarks, Entering Into Covenant Together	Mr. Harrell

Question to the Communicant Members:

"Do you, in reliance on God for strength, solemnly promise and covenant that you will walk together as an organized Church, on the principles of the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in America, and that you will be zealous and faithful in maintaining the purity and peace of the whole body?"

Pronouncement of The Organization of The Church Mr. Harrell
*Hymn No. 81(37) "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD AND GOODNESS OF GOD

Prayer of Intercession

The Election of Ruling Elders

Mr. Harrell

The Election of Deacons

Collection

Passion Chorale by J. Bender

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving

*Benediction

*Postlude

Fugue in G Minor by J.S. Bach

Professions of Faith

These are the people professing their faith in Christ today:

Cindy Ameen

Roger and Jennifer Anderson

Kelly, Whitney

Elizabeth Bartlett

Michael and Cindy Bryant

Zachary, Megan

Karen Carr

Rich Hines

Rick Hutton

Janice Ingwersen

Tom Roberts

Christine Schmitt

Betsy Smith

Celeste Stoudt

Greg and Suzanne Williams

Ariel

*Congregation Standing

John 17:20-26

“Surprising and Winsome Community”

“The church that is to be one in the Spirit, united to Jesus Christ, and one in the faith, holding to the purity of the apostolic gospel, must also be God’s holy people on earth, growing in likeness to Christ and transcending worldly divisions as the beginning of the new humanity in Christ.” (Edmund Clowney, *The Church*)

“I am convinced that the church can be the safest place in the world to argue about politics. I am also persuaded that it must be.” (Charles Drew, *Surprised by Community*)

“Watch and listen to politically polarized commentary today, and you will see that it is more contemptuous than angry, overflowing with sneering, mockery, and disgust. Studies on the subject have shown that, whereas simple anger is characterized by short-term attack responses but long-term reconciliation, contempt is characterized by rejection and social exclusion in both the short-term and the long-term. Polarization, and thus, contempt, leads to permanent enmity.” (Arthur Brooks, *New York Times*)

For Our Visitors

We invite the whole family to participate in worship together, but for those who so desire, a nursery is provided for children ages newborn to four years-old during all Sunday services. The nursery is located on the second floor of our Sunday School building. A child needing special attention during worship may be taken to the cry room, located off the foyer of the auditorium, or to the nursery.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please fill out a visitor card, which you will find in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.

Hearing impaired assistance devices are available on the table in the foyer.

The women's restroom is located downstairs from the auditorium foyer.

Men's and women's restrooms are at the top of the stairs in the hallway between the fellowship hall and auditorium.

If you need assistance, anyone with the "Greeter" nametag will be happy to help.

If this is the fourth Sunday of the month, we will have a fellowship meal (potluck) together immediately after our morning worship and would love to have you join us.

Lord's Day Activities

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

5:30 p.m. Worship Service (second Sunday only)

Nursery is provided during Sunday
School and Worship.

You can donate to the church through
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