

CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

1888 - 1988



SILVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4740 E. Galbraith Road
Cincinnati, Ohio

September 24, 25, 1988

Silverwood Presbyterian Church
J. Michael Mullin, Pastor

Dear Friends:

A church is a wonderful living thing. Her members are diverse in age, temperament, gifts, in all ways possible save one. The church is a family with God as Father, and Jesus as Lord. This factor of unity binds hearts into one body which is called in scripture the body of Christ.

There have been many pastors privileged to serve the congregation of Silverwood Presbyterian Church. Each has brought his unique vision of the Kingdom and has labored within the social and cultural conditions of that time. It is my privilege to have served for eleven years.

We live in unique times. While there is freedom which borders on license, the result has to be measured in diminished self-worth. Ours is a day when "doing your own thing" for self-fulfillment has replaced "doing unto others". We live in times when the school no longer supports the values of the church and all too often, the home no longer represents the values of our forefathers.

Today, persons of means, as well as the poor, are crying out for something of real substance. Despair is seen more the product of consumption than of deprivation.

Only 30 years ago, the American church was expecting great growth and new buildings were built to receive the influx of excited members. Instead the church began to decline. Self-indulgent pursuits replaced worship as a means of grace. Time will disclose the final outcome.

But Silverwood stands poised on the threshold of a new adventure. A century of faithful service provides a foundation for another hundred years. We cannot know what shape that adventure will take; only that it will be unlike the past. The only constant is the Savior who has been, who is, and who will always be the one who brings question to all our answers. Our technology may open many new doors and provide presently unknown innovations. But people will always be people, needing family, love, forgiveness, hope and personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Our commitment to the future must be to offer that faith in Jesus which truly meets the need of mankind, and to offer it one day at a time.

Yours in Christ,

J. Michael Mullin

Celebrating One Hundred Years Of Church History

The Silverton Presbyterian Church was organized May 6, 1888, at the old Hutchison homestead, which formerly stood on Montgomery Road at Home Street in Silverton. The organization of the church resulted from the founding of a Sunday school, which had met for some time in a backroom of a general store at the corner of Montgomery Road and Plainfield Road. The first board of Trustees was formed on April 26, 1888, consisting of five men. It wasn't until October 22, 1973 that Session voted to allow a "mixed" (men & women) Board of Trustees.

The first building of the church, a frame structure was erected in the fall of 1888. It was later removed to another location in Silverton and is presently being used be a furniture store. The first building was replaced in 1927, with the building which served well for over forty years. It represented a monumental effort by the small congregation of less than two hundred, under the leadership of Rev C.S. Williams. He completed his fruitful pastorate of fifteen years in 1936.

He was succeeded by Rev William Gross, who had been pastor in the Harrison, Ohio church for some twelve years.

The community continued to grow in population and the growth of the congregation more than kept pace. By 1940 it became evident that some enlargement of the church school facilities was rapidly becoming necessary. A building fund was established and the addition of a large educational wing became reality with its dedication on May 4, 1950. On Easter, 1949, six hundred fourteen were in attendance in the church school. This represented shortly thereafter the fifth largest church school in the Synod of Ohio. By this time the church membership had become almost one thousand and the church school enrollment almost as large. The highest point in accessions occurred in 1952, when one hundred eighty one welcomed into the church, with sixty infant baptisms. Because of this growth, it became necessary in 1956 to adopt a Sunday morning schedule of two worship services and two sessions of the church school.

Professional Staff included Viola Saunders, Director of Christian Education; Rev Arnold Dalzell, Assistant Pastor (1956-1961) and Rev G. Paul Gargis, Assistant Pastor (1962-1963). The church membership reached its highest point in 1958, when it numbered 1079. Because of population changes and an increased number of Protestant churches in the area, this number has diminished.

The Pastorate of Rev William Gross came to a close with his retirement on January 31, 1973 after twenty-six and a half years of untiring, faithful and devoted service. He was named Pastor Emeritus and honorably retired by the Presbytery of Cincinnati. He was succeeded by Rev David L. Thomas, who served the church for five years. He was assisted during part of this period by Rev Gary W. Hall (1964-1968). Rev Richard E. Miller became Pastor in March of 1969.

On September 27, 1964, a committee was appointed to formulate plans for remodeling the church. It was found that the restrictions imposed by the smallness of our church lot made it impractical to modify the present structure. After numerous meetings and surveys, the congregation voted on April 25, 1965 to relocate and on November 7, 1965, the Corporation voted to purchase the property at 4740 E. Galbraith Road. Construction began in May 1969 and the ground breaking service took place on June 1, 1969. In view of the change of location, the congregation voted to adopt the new name of "Silverwood Presbyterian Church" as a combination of the words Silverton and Kenwood. The first service was held in the new building on May 31, 1970, with the Dedication and Open House held September 27, 1970. Early in 1980 a steeple was erected upon the church, given by Gloria Caddell in memory of her husband, Albert. Rev Stephen Hasley served as Assistant/Associate Pastor from 1971-1975. The 85th Anniversary was celebrated during May of 1973.

On September 25, 1977, Rev J. Michael Mullin, our present minister, was installed as Pastor. Among the more memorable events during recent years have been the Bethel Bible Series, including over 100 members, the Navigator 2:7 Series, the Pikeville Mission Project which raised \$10,000 along with additional funds to pave the parking lot.

In 1978, the Katherine Abraham Library was so named to honor Katherine, who has carefully organized and developed this important ministry. Our current secretary, Linda Coy, joined the staff in March 1980. December of 1984, Session issued a call to Rodney L. Barbour to become Director of Music Ministries and Organist. This position became full time during 1985. An important event in 1985 was the special service which celebrated the burning of the Silverwood mortgage on June 9.

In recent years, there has been a greater emphasis upon prayer and developing a praying church. In March 1979, Session voted to have two "prayer families" listed each week in our church bulletin until all families have been remembered.

Silverwood has participated in three of the Chapel of the Air Fifty Day Spiritual Adventures (1985, 1986, 1987) which have brought new spiritual growth to our congregation and has influenced our Adult Education and Worship service. We are active in prayer ministry with the Prayer Chain (formed in 1982) and the Prayer Power Ministry Group which began meeting in 1985.

Pastor J. Michael Mullin writes..."Looking back brings many good memories. Looking forward brings great hope. Entering our second century at this moment finds us poised to do great ministry. Our church practices a ministry of prayer, of worship and of teaching. We have leaders gifted by God for the work. It is my prayer that Silverwood be a place where the Glory of the Risen Christ is celebrated in word and deed; a place of leadership for the Christian Community; and a place of humility at the name of Jesus who is our Savior, our Lord, and our Friend."

Silverwood Presbyterian Church

Celebrating One Hundred Years of God's Faithfulness

**Dinner And Twin Piano Concert
Saturday, September 24, 1988
5:30 and 7:30 pm**

Congregational Dinner (Remarks by Rev J. Michael Mullin): "We are pleased to welcome several of our shut-ins as our special guests tonight. Be sure to greet them and introduce yourself."

Musical Offering Service

Welcome

Rev J. Michael Mullin

Scripture Reading

Leader: I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh praise the greatness of our God!

People: *He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A Faithful God Who does no wrong, upright and just is He.*

Leader: The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted to God, the Rock my Savior! I will Praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned Away and you have comforted me.

People: *Surely God is my Salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, The Lord, is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the Wells of Salvation.*

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

People: *And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in Heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.*

(Deut. 32:3-4; II Samuel 22:47; Isaiah 12:1-3; I Peter 1:3-5)

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name” Hymn #325.....Arr. Nielsen/Young
(Congregation will stand as directed and sing vs. 1, 4)

Recognizing God’s Identity

“A Mighty Fortress” Hymn #118.....M. Luther/Arr. Young
“How Firm A Foundation” Hymn #32.....Folk Tune/Arr. Smith

Recognizing His Presence Among Us

“Let All Things Now Living” Hymn 389.....Traditional/Arr. Young
“How Great Thou Art” Hymn #2.....Traditional/Arr. White
(Congregation will sing the chorus as directed)
“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” Hymn #84.....Mason/Arr. Wellman
“Blessed Assurance” Hymn #67.....Crosby/Arr. Wellman

We Bow Before Him In Adoration

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and Mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son:
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul’s glory, joy and crown.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!
3. He is Lord, He is Lord, let us worship before Him.
He is Lord, He is Lord, as we gather in His name!
He is Lord, He is Lord, let us praise and adore Him
Yesterday and today and forevermore the same.

What Christ Has Done For Us

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn #258.....Mason/Arr. White
“Wondrous Love” Hymn #283.....Folk Hymn/Arr. Smith
“Amazing Grace” Hymn #107.....Traditional/Arr. Young
“It Is Well” Hymn #495.....Bliss/Arr. Wellman
(Congregation join in verse 1 as directed)

We Respond In Praise

“My Tribute” Hymn #365.....Crouch/Arr. White
“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” Hymn #377.....Beethoven/Arr. Smith
“Take My Life and Let It Be” Hymn #458.....Havergal/Arr. Wellman
“Holy, Holy” Hymn #149.....Owens/Arr. Wellman
(Congregation join in singing verse 1 as directed)

Benediction

Rev J. Michael Mullin

Tom White is a graduate of Miami University. Tom leads worship through his keyboard talents in many area congregations. Tom also appears regularly at the Beckett Ridge Country Club and teaches in his private studio.

Gary Wellman has completed his course work for the Doctorate Degree in Piano at CCM. He has recently taught as a graduate assistant and in Evening College at UC. Gary has just been appointed to the music faculty at Illinois State where he teaches piano.

Rodney Barbour is Director of Music Ministries and Organist at Silverwood. He is a graduate of Marshall University and the College-Conservatory of Music. Rodney leads worship from the organ through program and worship services in many churches throughout the Midwest.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1988

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SILVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Celebrating One Hundred Years of God's Faithfulness

Silent Prayers and Thoughts

Piano Prelude

Tom White, Rodney Barbour

Preparation For Worship

(The congregation will sing as directed)

#98	"Great is Thy Faithfulness"	Vs. 1, 3
#526	"Faith of Our Father"	Vs. 1, 2, 3
#77	"Be Still My Soul"	Vs. 1, 2

Scripture Reading

Leader: Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

People: *It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth, Mount Zion, the city of the Great King. God is in her citadels; He has shown Himself to be her fortress.*

Leader: Within our temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

People: *Like Your name, O God, Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is filled with righteousness.*

Leader: Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

People: *Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers.*

Leader: Consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

People: *For this God is our God for ever and ever*

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

People: *From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth. He summons the Heavens above, and the earth, that He may judge His people.*

Leader: "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
People: ***And the Heavens proclaim His righteousness, for God Himself is Judge.***
 Leader: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; I am God, your God."
People: ***I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.***
 Leader: I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
People: ***I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.***
 Leader: "Sacrifice thank offering to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you and you will honor me."
People: ***He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me and He prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.***

(Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14; Psalm 50: 1,2,4-12,14,15,23)

Hymn of Praise	#370	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev J. Michael Mullin
Response	#142	"The Gloria Patri"
Prayers of God's People		
Call to Prayer	#622	"O How He Loves You and Me"
Silent Confession		
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Sermon		Rev J. Michael Mullin
Welcome and Announcements		(At this time the person seated nearest the center aisles will begin passing the Who's Who in the Pew Pads.)
A Time of Giving and Sharing Our Tithes and Offerings		
Musical Offering	"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"	J. Schrader
Response	"The Doxology"	
	Praise God from Whom all blessing flow	
	Praise Him all creatures here below	
	Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts	
	Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost	
	Amen	
Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture	Mark 2:13-17, Page 745	

Sermon	“Christ Comes To The Community”	Rev David R. Mains Guest Speaker
Hymn of Response	#686	“Christ for the World We Sing”
Benediction		
Postlude		

PASTORS

Boyd J. York	June 1915 – 1918
C. E. Conrad	1918 – 1921
C. S. Williams	March 1921 – 1936
William Gross	Sept 1936 – January 1963 (*Retired)
David L. Thomas	1963 – 1968
Richard E. Miller	1969 – 1976
J. Michael Mullin	1977 – Present
	*Named Pastor Emeritus 1973

ASSOCIATE OR ASSISTANT PASTORS

Arnold Dalzell	1956 – 1961
G. Paul Gargis	1962 – 1963
Gary W. Hall	1964 – 1968
Stephen L. Hasley	1971 – 1975

**INTERIM & SUPPLY
PASTORS**

D. D. Jones	1888 – 1915
L. L. Overman	1888 – 1915
J. H. Walter	1888 – 1915
Evelyn Meredith	Mar 1977 – Sept 1977

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Deborah L. Sporing, Financial Secretary

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Silverwood Presbyterian Church**

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100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ruth Wettig, General Chairperson

Picnic

Kathy Lawhorn, Chairperson

Ice Cream Social

Cindy Carmola, Chairperson

Praise Service

Dorothy Hindersman, Co-Chairperson
Tom White, Co-Chairperson

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In addition, we thank all those who worked at the dinner, ice cream social, picnic, those who gave donations, and those who have helped in every way.

