

Mt. Prospect Presbyterian Church

Hickory, Pennsylvania



Richard A. Morledge

Minister

133rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MT. PROSPECT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Hickory, Pennsylvania

Sunday, April 20, 1958

2:15 P.M.

PRELUDE - Meditation - Diggle

* DOXOLOGY

* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN - No. 88 - God of Our Life

SCRIPTURE READING - Matthew 16:13-20
The Rev. Mr. Cornelius S. Thomas
Pastor, Fourth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Former Pastor of Mt. Prospect - 1930 - 1950

ANTHEM - The Church In The Wildwood

HISTORICAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE FOUNDING OF MT. PROSPECT
Mr. A. D. White

* PRAYER

HYMN - No. 237 - Rock of Ages

ANNIVERSARY SERMON
"Building on The Rock of Ages"

The Rev. Mr. Joseph S. Morledge, D.D.
Pastor, Sixth Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh
Former Pastor of Mt. Prospect - 1927 - 1930

HYMN - No. 77 - Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Congregation Stands

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EARLY HISTORY
OF
MT. PROSPECT CHURCH

1824 and earlier - Meetings for public worship were held in homes of the Mt. Pleasant (Hickory) Community and in the grove which stood near the site of the present church building.

December 28, 1824 - A Petition was presented to Washington Presbytery, in session at Cross Roads (Florence), praying that a new congregation be established in this neighborhood. This petition was denied.

April 20, 1825 - A second petition was presented to Washington Presbytery, then meeting at Washington, asking for "Promission" to build a house of worship on the farm of Mr. Haynes, a half a mile west of Mt. Pleasant (Hickory). "On motion resolved that the prayer of the petition be granted".

The first house of worship was erected (not on the farm of Mr. Haynes, but on the corner of the farm of Robert Lyle) late in 1825 or early 1826. Since a great deal of the materials and labor was donated, the cost of the building (in money) was very low. It was of frame construction and stood until replaced by the second building, of brick, in 1861.

1828 - A call was issued for the pastoral services of Rev. David Hervey, who became Mt. Prospect's first pastor upon his installation on December 3, 1828.

1829 - The Sunday School was organized in the spring of 1829 with a membership of 109. The first superintendent was James Hughes.

The first Session of Mt. Prospect Church consisted of William Simpson, William Hughes, and John Cowen.

The first Board of Trustees was: John Cowen, Simeon Haynes, Samuel Moore, Archibald Stewart, and William Walker. These men contracted with Hugh McConaughy for the erection of the first church building. In a settlement dated December 22, 1827, Mr. McConaughy was paid thirteen dollars for which amount he signed a receipt.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

SESSION

RICHARD A. MORLEDGE, Moderator

EL gin 6-4882

Class of 1958

J. Alvin Bell
James A. Caldwell
Clair V. Cowden
H. Mac White

Class of 1959

George E. Baker
Alvin D. Carter
James A. Dallmeyer
Vance M. Smith

Class of 1960

Walter M. Campbell
Walter L. Cowden, Jr.
Robert J. Loughry
Oliver B. Robinson

Clair M. White, Stated Clerk

EL gin 6-4720

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 1958

Gerald G. Caldwell,
V. President
Edwin W. Miller

Class of 1959

James A. Caldwell,
President
H. E. Reedy

Class of 1960

Clair W. Ahrns,
Secretary
Reed M. Welch, Jr.

CHURCH BULLETINS — Miss Marion Henderson..... EL gin 6-4445

CHURCH TREASURER — Miss Helen Caldwell..... EL gin 6-4672

CHURCH SEXTON — Mr. James Caldwell..... EL gin 6-4672

CHURCH ORGANIST — Mrs. David H. Williams..... EL gin 6-2238

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT—Mr. A. Boyd Anderson . EL gin 6-4839

Reservations for Fellowship Hall should be made through
Miss Marthetta McCarrell, EL gin 6-4591

CHURCH TELEPHONE — EL gin 6-4337