



BARRATT'S CHAPEL

(A Methodist Shrine)
FREDERICA, DELAWARE



Order of Worship
And
Ritual
For The
Consecration and Cornerstone Laying
of the
Barratt's Chapel Museum and Curator's Home
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1964
at 3:00 P.M.

John Wesley Lord - Bishop
Washington Area of the Methodist Church

The Reverend Paul E. Reynolds
Curator

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SERVICE OF CONSECRATION AND CORNERSTONE LAYING FOR
MUSEUM AND CURATOR'S HOME

PRELUDE A. Branson Frye, Organist

WELCOME Mr. Clinton H. Brown
President, Peninsula Conference
Historical Society

HYMN — "We Gather Together"

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His Name: He forgets not His own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

CALL TO WORSHIP The Reverende Mr. Hartwell F. Chandler

MINISTER: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
PEOPLE: Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.
MINISTER: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering and come into
His courts.
PEOPLE: Praise waiteth for thee, O God, and unto thee shall the vow be performed. Amen.

INVOCATION — Let us pray. Minister

O Lord God, almighty and most merciful, whom the heaven, even the heaven of heavens
cannot contain, much less temples built with hands, but who also dwelleth with men, and
delightest thyself in the fellowship of thy people; cleanse our hearts we beseech thee, from
all evil thought and desire, and vouchsafe thy divine presence and blessing, both that those
things may please thee which we do at this present, and also that we may at length obtain
thy favor with life everlasting in thy heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT In Unison

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.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Minister

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. Commit your ways unto Him. Come unto Him all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. May Almighty God, who caused light to shine out of darkness shine in your hearts, cleansing you from all your sins, and restoring you to the light of knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE LORD'S PRAYER In Unison

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SOLO — "Bless This House" Dave Curtis - Soloist

CANTICLE OF THE CHURCH—(People Standing)

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.

GLORIA PATRI

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON The Reverend Mr. Chandler
Ephesians Chapter 6 verses 10 through 20

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mr. Brown

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY — (People Standing) In Unison

THE ACT OF CONSECRATION OF THE MUSEUM AND CURATOR'S HOME

PRESENTATION OF BUILDING The Reverend William O. Hackett
Chairman of the Building Committee

The Building Committee appointed to plan together with the architect and to supervise the erection of this museum and curator's home as a fitting addition on the grounds of the historic shrine, Barratt's Chapel, has completed this phase of its work. With sincere gratitude to the architect Mr. George D. Savage and to the faithful workers and builders, John R. Wilkins and Son, and for the cooperation of the many persons who have made this building possible, I present this key to you, Mr. Clinton H. Brown, President of the Historical Society of the Peninsula Annual Conference.

ACCEPTANCE OF BUILDING Mr. Clinton H. Brown
President of the Historical Society

It is with great joy that I accept this key in the name of the Methodist Church and it is with a sense of genuine privilege that we present to you, Bishop John Wesley Lord, Presiding Bishop of the Washington area of the Methodist Church, this building to be consecrated as a place of residence for a curator, a place of historical research, and an archives for Methodist materials which will be assembled here.

RECEPTION OF BUILDING FOR CONSECRATION Bishop John Wesley Lord

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God put into the hearts of His people to build this building that through it His name might be glorified. I now accept this building to be known as the Barratt's Chapel Museum and Curator's Home, as an integral part of this historic shrine, Barratt's Chapel. It is our purpose to consecrate it and to set it apart as a symbol of our faith in Almighty God as a place for the preservation of the history of our Methodist Church and as a place of research for those who desire to record historic events of our church's past. Let us, therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly consecrate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

LITANY OF CONSECRATION — (People Standing)

MINISTER: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever.
PEOPLE: Blessing be to the Lord God who doeth wondrous things; and blessed be His glorious name forever and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
MINISTER: Being graciously prospered by the hand of God to finish the work which in His providence we are called upon to perform.
PEOPLE: We do now with joy and gratitude solemnly consecrate the Barratt's museum and curator's home.
MINISTER: To the glory of God, the Father, to the honor of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to the praise of the Holy Spirit source of light and life
PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.
MINISTER: For the spiritual enrichment of all those who shall come here in pursuit of knowledge.
PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.
MINISTER: As a place where the acts and works of the servants of our Lord shall be recorded and preserved as a witness to our noble heritage.
PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.
MINISTER: As a place where a curator shall reside blessing this home with deep affection of family ties, with all friendly hospitalities and as a haven of peace and joy for those who live therein.
PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.

MINISTER: For the fellowship of kindred souls under Christian auspices to share the whole-some contacts made possible through Christ.

PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and to the servants of our Lord Jesus Christ who have gathered here over the centuries including such persons as Francis Asbury, Thomas Coke, Richard Whatcoat, Free-born Garrettson, Captain Thomas Webb, Phillip Barratt, Waitman Sipple, and the multitude of unnamed disciples of Christ.

PEOPLE: We consecrate this building.

MINISTER: We now, the people of this congregation, compassed about with a great cloud and of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, sensible of the sacrifice of our fathers in

PEOPLE: 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.

HYMN — "The Church's One Foundation"

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

SERMON — "The Armour Which God Provides" . . . Bishop John Wesley Lord

HYMN — "Lead On O King Eternal"

1. Lead on, O King Eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Thro' days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King Eternal, til sin's fierce war shall cease,
And Holiness shall whisper the sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, The heav'nly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King Eternal; we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning wher'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might. Amen.

MINISTERS AND PEOPLE WILL PROCESS TO THE MUSEUM FOR THE RITUAL OF CORNERSTONE LAYING

RITUAL FOR LAYING THE CORNERSTONE

MINISTER: To the glory of God our Father, to the service of our dear Master and His Church and to the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: For a building of which Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone, the pillar and ground of the truth.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: For a building that shall stand as a symbol of the Church Universal, the cornerstone of which is truth, the creed of which is love, and its towers eternal hope.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: For a building in which shall be preserved the treasures of the past which tell the story of our heritage.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: For a building in which we shall seek to relate the truth of the past to the present with the hope that we shall be better equipped and informed as followers of Christ to interpret today's needs.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: For a building in which the scholar may lift his head from the studies of the past to see beyond the present and help to chart the future.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone.

MINISTER: In loving memory of those who have gone from us, whose hearts and hands have served the Methodist Church, with gratitude for all whose faith and consecrated gifts make this building possible, for all who may share this spiritual adventure; and with hope for all who will serve the church of the living Christ in years to come.

PEOPLE: We lay this cornerstone in the name of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unto the ages of ages, world without end. Amen.

(The minister, standing by the stone, exhibits to the people a box to be placed in the stone. It contains such articles as a Bible, The Methodist Ritual, the Discipline, the Book of Worship, names of the directors of the Historical Society, the architect, the contractor, Bishop Lord's address on this occasion, 1964 Annual Conference minutes, coins representing the United States.)

LAYING THE CORNERSTONE by Bishop John Wesley Lord assisted by John R. Wilkins, Jr., Methodist layman and builder of this building

PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE CURATOR. The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Reynolds

Bishop Lord will unlock the door to the museum and present the Key to Mr. Paul E. Reynolds.

THE BENEDICTION The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Reynolds

OPEN HOUSE

PENINSULA CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Curator - The Reverend Mr. Paul E. Reynolds

Ex Officio Member - The Reverend William O. Hackett

Area Vice President of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Historical Society. Mr. Hackett was President of the Conference Historical Society when the work on the Museum and Curator's Home began and has served as the Society's agent in completing the project.

The Reverend Mr. Hartwell F. Chandler

District Superintendent of Dover District and Cabinet representative to the Historical Society.

NOTE

Plans for the Museum and Curator's Residence were prepared by George D. Savage, A.I.A. of Narberth, Pennsylvania.

The General Contractor was John R. Wilkin's Sons of Milford, Delaware.

HISTORICAL NOTE

Barratt's Chapel, one of Methodism's ten official shrines, is fondly spoken of as the "Cradle of Methodism" for it was here that Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke met on November 14th, 1784 and along with others made plans for a Christmas Conferene to be held in Baltimore, Maryland, on December 24th, 1784. It was from this place that Freeborn Garrettson was sent off "like an arrow" into the colonies to call all Methodist preachers together for this conference. The conference in Baltimore formally organized the Methodist Episcopal Church of North America.

Barratt's Chapel received its name from Phillip Barratt who gave the land upon which the chapel stands. Barratt along with Waitman Sipple also lead the Methodists of this area in erecting the building. The deed for the property is dated May 1780. Construction evidently had begun in March the same year. The chapel held for a number of years, the honor of being the "grandest" country chapel that Methodists had in America.

When first occupied as a place of worship, it had rough hewn seats and an earth floor. It was not fully completed until two generations had passed away. The first Quarterly meeting to be held here was in November 1780.

Barratt's Chapel has associated with it a memorable anecdote. The story is told of a man who upon seeing the building under construction asked what use there was to be made of it. Being informed that it was to be a place of worship for Methodists, his reply was, "It is unnecessary to build such a house, for by the time the war is over a corncrib will hold them all."

Barratt's Chapel also has the distinction of being the place where the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was first administered in America by a regularly ordained Methodist preacher. At the service in the chapel on November 14th, 1784, Dr. Coke, assisted by Richard Whatcoat, administered the Sacrament to several hundred people.