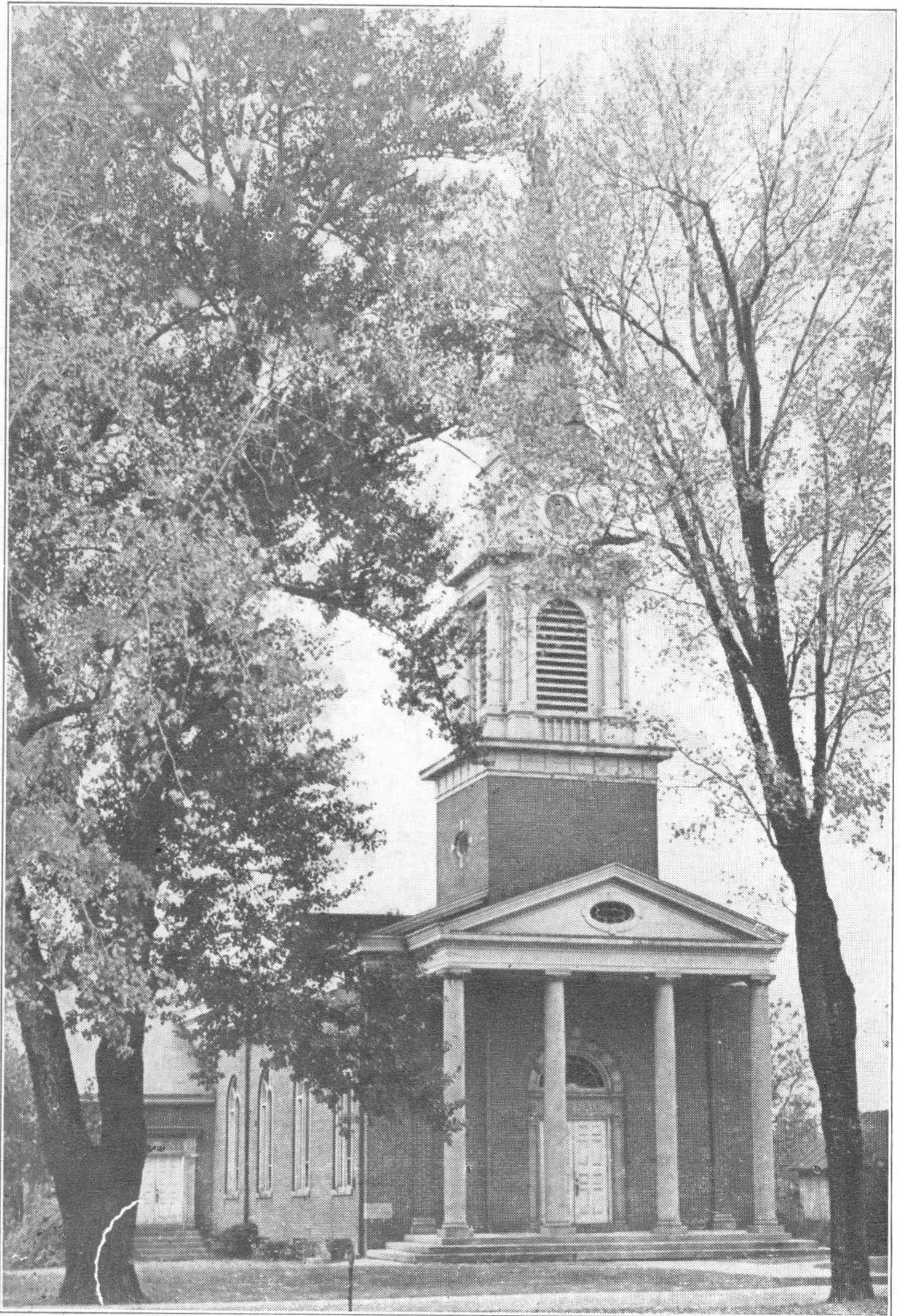


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORTHINGTON, OHIO

1816 - 1941



The Reverend George E. Parkinson, Minister

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

June 15-18, 1941

FOREWORD

On June 18, 1816 the First Presbyterian Church of Worthington was founded. Now, 125 years later, this church stands as a monument to the patriarchs who deemed it wise to organize a Presbyterian Church in this community. The Church has grown with the village until today proudly she stands with the largest constituency in her history. This program is dedicated to all, who through the history of this church, have given loving and sacrificial service in the Kingdom of God.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

General Chairman	Edward Heil
Publicity	Daniel Hodges
Invitations	Mrs. Abner Pinney
Finances	W. G. Porter
Calling	T. K. Stockwell
Church History	Mrs. Rolla Anderson
Ushering	Wm. E. Owens
Music	Homer Carter
Flowers and Decorations	Mrs. George Kadel
Printing of Program	E. F. Scoutten
Fellowship Dinner	Mrs. Hugh Hancock

MORNING WORSHIP

June 15, 1941

10:30 A.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

MRS. GEORGE E. PARKINSON, ORGANIST

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: "The Lord is in His Holy Temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him."

PEOPLE: "God is a Spirit. They that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION PASTOR

THE DEDICATION OF HYMNALS

THE HYMN—"The Church's One Foundation" — 333

THE RESPONSIVE READING—Selection 58 — p. 584

THE ANTHEM THE CHOIR

THE READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT . . . PASTOR

THE READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT . . . PASTOR

THE MORNING PRAYER PASTOR

THE CHORAL RESPONSE THE CHOIR

THE HYMN—"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" — 339

THE OFFERTORY

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION PASTOR

THE OFFERING

THE SERMON REV. CHAS. A. HUNTER, D. D.

(Pastor of this Church from 1931-1938)

THE HYMN—"O Where Are Kings and Empires Now" — 334

THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

AFTERNOON WORSHIP

June 15, 1941

2:30 P.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

MRS. TYLER BRIGHTMAN, ORGANIST

THE HYMN—"All Hail The Power of Jesus Name" — p. 192
(First tune)

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION PASTOR

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES PASTOR

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE ANTHEM THE CHOIR

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS PASTOR

THE HYMN—"Be Still My Soul" — p. 281

THE SERMON REV. TOM PENN ULLOM
(Pastor of this Church from 1925-1931).

THE HYMN—"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee" — p. 364

THE BENEDICTION PASTOR

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

EVENING WORSHIP

June 15, 1941

8:00 P.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE
 MRS. TYLER BRIGHTMAN, ORGANIST

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: "From the rising of the sun unto the going
 down of the same the Lord's Name is to be
 praised."

PEOPLE: "Let my prayer be set forth before Thee as
 incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the
 evening sacrifice."

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION PASTOR

THE HYMN—"Day Is Dying in the West" — p. 39

THE RESPONSIVE READING—Selection 55 — p. 581

THE ANTHEM

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES PASTOR

THE EVENING PRAYER PASTOR

THE HYMN—"Now The Day Is Over" — p. 35

THE OFFERING

THE SERMON REV. J. HARRY COTTON, D.D., Ph.D.
 Pres. of Presbyterian Theological Seminary,
 Chicago, Ill.

THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

MONDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Monday, June 16, 1941

6:30 P.M.

MR. E. F. SCOUTTEN, TOASTMASTER

THE INVOCATION

THE BANQUET

MENU

Meat Loaf

Bread and Butter Sandwiches

Baked Beans

Salad

Ice Cream and Home Made Cake

Coffee

*(This is to be a Pot Luck Dinner.
Please follow the above.)*

FELLOWSHIP SONGS

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE ADDRESS DR. J. R. HOWE
Pres. Otterbein College, Westerville, O.

THE CLOSING SONG

EVENING WORSHIP

Tuesday, June 17, 1941

8:00 P.M.

Columbus Presbytery and Community Night.

The Reverend George E. Parkinson, Moderator of the Presbytery of Columbus, presiding.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

MRS. TYLER BRIGHTMAN, ORGANIST

THE HYMN—"Come Thou Almighty King" — p. 52

GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR OF WORTHINGTON

LEONARD INSLEY

THE ANTHEM

THE CHOIR

SPECIAL MUSIC

GREETINGS FROM THE MINISTERS OF WORTHINGTON CHURCHES

THE REV. J. OTIS YOUNG—Pastor of the Methodist Church.

THE REV. PHILLIP W. HULL—Pastor of the St. John Episcopal Church.

DR. GEO. T. HARDING, III — Seventh Day Adventist

THE REV. NEWSOM—Pastor of the A. M. E. Church

THE HYMN—"This is my Father's World" — p. 70

GREETINGS FROM COLUMBUS PRESBYTERY—The Rev. Chas. A. Hunter, Vice Moderator of the Presbytery.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE ANNIVERSARY SERMON

THE REV. WM. BLAKE HINDMAN, D.D., LL.D.

(Pastor of this Church from 1913-1917).

THE BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

EVENING SERVICE

Wednesday, June 18, 1941

Candlelight Communion

8:00 P.M.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

MRS. TYLER BRIGHTMAN, ORGANIST

THE DOXOLOGY

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE HYMN—"Jesus, Thy Joy of Loving Hearts" — p. 354

THE RESPONSIVE READING—Selection 70 — p. 600

THE ANTHEM

THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

THE HYMN—"According to Thy Gracious Word" — p. 358

THE SERMON—"Looking Into The Future" THE MINISTER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

HISTORY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WORTHINGTON

June 18, 1816 eleven people met at the home of Peter Barker on North High Street (the house still stands) and organized the Presbyterian Church of Worthington.

Services were held first in the homes of members, then in the upper room of the Academy building, next in an old blacksmith shop that had been made ready for the purpose, later in a little brick schoolhouse. January 1, 1822 the Trustees rented the Masonic Hall where services were held for a period of six and one-half years.

The first regular pastor was the Reverend Highland Hulburt who came in 1826. The preceding pastors had been stated supply.

Preliminary steps were taken on the twelfth of May, 1828 for the erection of a church building. On April 17, 1830 the building was completed. This building was remodeled in 1842.

In 1848 the church was reorganized and became "The Presbyterian Church and Society in Worthington."

An attempt was made to erect a new building in 1863, which failed. Sixty years later during the pastorate of Dr. Edward Milton Page (1923-25) funds were collected and plans made for the purpose of erecting a new house of worship to meet the needs of the growing congregation.

The death of Dr. Page made it necessary for the work to be completed under the direction of another pastor, the Reverend Tom Penn Ullom.

In constructing the new church the old frame building was moved crosswise to constitute the rear of the new edifice, and was refinished in brick and is used for the church school and the church parlor.

The cornerstone of the present church was laid Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1926, and the church was dedicated January 2, 1927.

Down through the years many organizations have been instituted for the perpetuation of Christian work in the Presbyterian Church of Worthington.

The Ladies Aid, the Women's Missionary Society, the Woodrow Guild and the Women's Association of the Church have all served to augment the Christian service through the endeavor of the church women.

For a number of years the young people have met in their various age groups on Sunday evenings for special youth worship meetings.

Under the direction of Hazel M. Parkinson, the wife of the present minister, two youth choirs have been organized, one from elementary and one from high school boys and girls. Regular church school is held each Sunday morning in the sanctuary.

During the pastorate of the Rev. George E. Parkinson, present minister, an active Men's Club has been organized.

Mid-week services are held every Wednesday evening for prayer and meditation.

A board of twelve deacons has been added to the roster of church officers.

Among outstanding pastors who have served the First Presbyterian Church of Worthington was the Rev. James Hoge, D.D., who supplied here in 1857. Rev. Hoge officially started his career as a minister April 17, 1805 and the history of the Presbyterian Church in Ohio opens with his assignment to this State by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1805. Through his efforts during this year was established the First Presbyterian Church of Columbus embracing at its organization thirteen members. This church was the first of any denomination organized in Franklin County.

When the one-hundredth anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Worthington was observed, June 18, 1916 the following paragraph was copied from the Sunday issue of the Ohio State Journal, June 18, 1916:

"One hundred years of sun and shadow have left their marks upon the walls of the Worthington Presbyterian Church which today completes its Centennial celebration in three special services."

It was about this time that the Lusitania was sunk during the World War, and the letter below came from President Wilson in reply to an invitation to the Anniversary:

THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington, May 1, 1916

My Dear Mr. Hindman:

Your letter of April 28 has reached me and interests me very much indeed. I wish with all my heart I could accept the invitation which it conveys.

I should like very much to be with your Church on that occasion and to join with you in doing honor to my grandfather and the other pastors of the Worthington Presbyterian Church; but I should not be worthy of my grandfather if I did not put my duty before everything else and it is clearly my duty to deny myself for the present, privileges of this sort.

I must stay here and do my best.

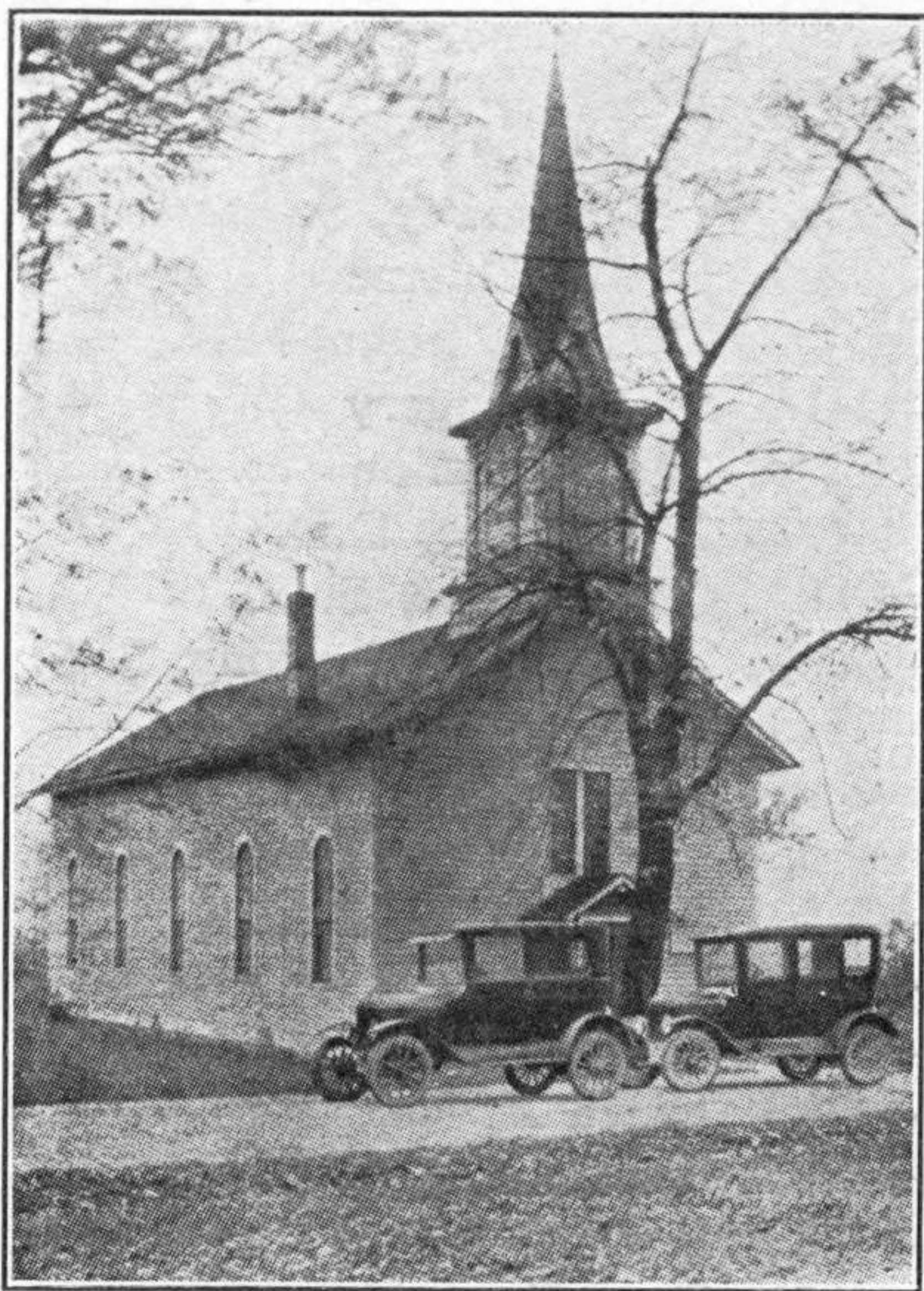
With the best wishes for a celebration successful in every respect.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(signed) WOODROW WILSON

On the day of the celebration President Wilson sent a telegram and two dozen American Beauty roses which were placed on the pulpit in memory of his grandfather — Dr. Thomas Woodrow, pastor of the Worthington Presbyterian Church from 1849 to 1857.

During the long history of our Church the labor of many workers has built well upon solid foundations The First Presbyterian Church of Worthington. As we observe our one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary the membership is approximately two-hundred fifty, largest in the history of the Church.



THE OLD CHURCH

The old is gone: The new has come. Memory of the past enriches the soul of the present.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Following is a record of the Pastors to date:

1817	Ebenezer Washburn, S. S.
1819	John B. Whittlessey, S. S.
1822	Alexander Cowan, S. S.
1824	Stephen Lindley, S. S.
1826—1830	Highland Hulburd
1831—1832	James and Henry Wells, S. S.
1833—1834	James Larabee, S. S.
1834—1835	———— Highby, S. S.
1835—1837	Simeon Woodruff
1838—1839	Alexander Cowan
1839—1842	Timothy Stearns
1842—1846	John Donaldson
1846—1847	S. K. Hughes, S. S.
1849—1857	Thomas Woodrow, D. D.
1857	James Hoge, D.D., S. S.
1857—1861	Silas Johnson
1861—1862	James H. Gill, S. S.
1863	J. K. Kost, S. S.
1865—1867	J. D. Howey, S. S.
1868—1869	H. Bartholomew
1870	M. D. A. Steen, D.D., S. S.
1872—1874	David Kingery
1875—1878	Charles Pelton
1878—1882	J. L. Gage, D.D.
1882—1883	Charles Lee, S. S.
1885—1886	Robert L. Armstrong, S. S.
1888—1893	S. P. Herron
1893—1894	John Bliss
1894—1905	H. P. MacAdam, D.D.
1906—1908	Campbell L. Mackay
1908—1912	William Hooper Adams
1913—1917	William Blake Hindman
1917—1919	David E. Craighead
1921—1923	Hamilton B. Williams
1923—1925	Edward Milton Page, D.D.
1925—1931	Tom Penn Ullom
1931—1938	Charles A. Hunter
1938	George E. Parkinson

Note: S. S.—Stated Supply. Others were regular pastors.

THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

THE SESSION

George E. Parkinson, Moderator
 Vance M. Smith, Clerk C. Arlo Blocker
 Grove H. Moore Abner Pinney
 George Kadel Richard Evans
 Dr. H. K. Crow William E. Owens
 Edward Heil Tyler Brightman

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W. Glover Porter, President Hugh C. Hancock, V. Pres.
 Dr. L. E. Turton T. K. Stockwell Forrest Detrick
 George W. Beaver Abner Pinney I. M. McCampbell
 H. B. Hill
 Mrs. Stella G. Nelson, Secretary of Board

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

H. W. Carter J. H. Spence Edwin M. Tuttle
 R. D. Van Fleet Karl Parshall Cary T. Hartman
 J. Max McConagha Clyde Bachelor John Hill
 Paul Frederick Rolla E. Anderson

Clerk of Congregation George Kadel
 Treasurer Ellen Michael

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Organist To be supplied
 Director of Morning Choir Homer W. Carter
 Director of Vesper Choir Hazel M. Parkinson

THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Superintendent S. Ezra McCulloh
 Assistant Superintendent Mrs. Maude Anderson
 Superintendent Primary Department Mrs. Charles Lee

YOUTH WORK

Tuxis Club Mrs. Hazel M. Parkinson, Counsellor
 Alturian Club Miss Clara Snyder, President
 Mentalis Club Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Scoutten, Counsellors
 Alva Stein, President
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Max McConagha, Counsellors

THE WOODROW GUILD

President Mrs. Abner Pinney
 Vice Presidents Mrs. Vance Smith and Mrs. Willard Loos
 Secretary Mrs. Ralph C. Ridley
 Treasurer Mrs. James Grissinger

THE WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

(Officers to be elected)

MEN'S CLUB

President E. F. Scoutten
 Vice President Edwin M. Tuttle
 Secretary Theron Wright
 Treasurer Charles Fuller
 Caretaker Ross H. Smiley
 Church Telephone 2-5132
 Manse Telephone 2-5525

GLEANINGS FROM HERE AND THERE

1816-1916

June Sixteenth, Seventeenth, and Eighteenth

The one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of this church was observed with appropriate exercises during the three days mentioned above.

William Blake Hindman was the pastor at that time. He is now with the First Presbyterian Church of Uniontown, Pa.

A letter was read from Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, grandson of Dr. Thomas Woodrow, pastor 1849-1857.

COPY OF THE CALL OF THOMAS WOODROW Worthington, Ohio, September 20, 1852

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Church and Society in Worthington, regularly notified and holden at their usual place of Worship this day.

After Divine Service had been conducted by the Rev. J. D. Smith of Columbus, he took the chair and opened the meeting for business.

Whereupon the Church and Society elected by ballot The Rev. Thomas Woodrow to be their pastor or Bishop, unanimously.

A call in due form then made out to the Rev. Thomas Woodrow, D. D., by the Rev. J. D. Smith and signed by the Elders and Trustees of the Presbyterian Church and Society to pay annually \$350.00, payable in semi-annual payments unto the Rev. Thomas Woodrow for his pastoral services the whole time. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Smith. Adjourned.

A. KILBOURNE, *Clerk*

WORTHINGTON FOREWORD

As this is probably the only church home that will be built in Worthington strictly of the Colonial type of architecture, it seems fitting for us to present these few words by way of introduction—to serve as a LINK between us and the past and thus BIND us to the EARLY adventures and settlers of our country and village who were intrepid men and women of high character, noble resolve, and splendid action!

They builded better than they knew—laying their foundations deep, strong and true. It was the Christian faith that glowed in their hearts and created a burning desire in them to explore and develop a portion of the Northwest Territory which had been opened only a few years before.

It was their unfaltering trust in God that made them such dauntless heroes.

They endured hardships "as seeing Him who is invisible." They overcame obstacles, which were taxing on sinew and nerve, allying themselves with the unseen forces of the Spiritual World.

By their invincible determination, foresight and industry they changed a wilderness — a wild beast infested forest-territory into a habitable, prosperous, and well-behaved community—which today is one of the garden spots and one of the real beloved communities of the world! We pause for these moments to do them honor and render the gratitude of our hearts to Almighty God for this noble heritage that is ours.

It is up to us to carry on as it is only by the eternal vigilance of those who come after them that their good works so auspiciously and unselfishly begun will continue to bring forth a harvest of the best things in life.

They are gone and yet they speak to us and say—"Believe and Go Forward."

THE NAME

After a somewhat thorough investigation the writer concludes that the name of our village was given to honor the memory of Colonel John Worthington, an Assemblyman from the State of Massachusetts, who had been very successful in adjourning some difficulties that arose in Connecticut and Massachusetts about the time that the Scioto Company was organized in the former state. The town was laid out in 1804. It was incorporated in 1835. From 1840 to 1889 the population increased from 440 to 459.

It was known for many years as one of the prominent educational centers of Ohio.

THE VILLAGE

Worthington enjoys the unique distinction of being the most attractive suburb of Columbus.

It is located nine miles north of the State Capitol Building on an elevation that overlooks the beautiful and far-ranging valley of the Olentangy River.

In this diversified and panoramic view there is a happy combination of beauty and utility. The fertile soil produces an abundant supply of the necessities of life, and the fields and forests with their foliage, fruitage and fragrance fill the soul of the onlooker with an ecstasy of delight and the elixir of life.

High Street, the main thoroughfare of Columbus, passes through our village and this nine mile drive is entrancing to anyone who enjoys inviting homes, picturesque gardens, well-kept lawns and stately shade trees of every species.

In the midst of this wholesome and inspiring environment we are a most happy and contented people indeed.

Not many communities in this great land of ours surpass us in educational advantages, religious opportunities, social uplift and patriotic sentiment.

“Come thou with us and we will do thee good.”

COLONEL JAMES KILBOURNE

One of the most widely known of the early pioneers of Franklin County and Worthington was James Kilbourne—borne at Farmington, near New Britain, Connecticut, on October 19, 1770. In 1800, at the age of 30 he conceived the idea of forming the Scioto Company. In 1802 he explored alone this part of the country, and selected the lands for the company, but it was not until 1803 that they were settled in their new homes. He made the first map of the state.

He started the first newspaper in this county — The Western Intelligencer — the predecessor of the Ohio State Journal.

He served four terms in Congress. He was the first Master of the first Masonic Lodge in Central Ohio.

The Centennial Biographical History of Ohio says: Colonel Kilbourne has left the impress of his example upon the State of Ohio — particularly central Ohio — to a marked and notable extent. He was the instigator, advocate and promoter of more enterprises, industries and agencies, which in long and continuous years of development and expansion have grown and become potent and effective, than almost any other citizen from Central Ohio.

LOST BY ONE VOTE

In the early days there was a contest between several towns, each of which aspired to be the Capital of the State.

In Howe's History, we read: “Colonel James Kilbourne was actively at work for his own town Worthington and had a majority of one pledge in the Legislature in his favor. As Worthington was almost the geographical center of the State and his proposals liberal, success seemed assured. When the time came for voting, two of Kilbourne's supporters could not be found, and so the Colonel lost by one majority against him. The two missing members had been successfully hived in a secure retreat with cards and wine.”

FIRST NEWSPAPER

The first newspaper published in Franklin county was at Worthington in 1811. It was started by James Kilbourne who was its first owner and it was called the Western Intelligencer. It continued its publication only a short time when he sold it to other parties and in 1814 the office and material were removed to Columbus. Its name was changed to the Western Intelligencer and Columbus Gazette.

After passing through some other minor changes in names it finally became the Ohio State Journal.

WORTHINGTON'S FIRST FOURTH OF JULY

The first celebration of Independence Day in the new colony took place July 4, 1804. The brush was cleared out from the space now occupied by the public square, and rude seats of logs were arranged for the assembled people to sit upon.

The day before the Fourth seventeen gigantic trees, emblematical of the seventeen states of the Federal Union at that time were cut so that a few blows of the axe at sunrise on the Fourth prostrated each successively with a tremendous crash forming a national salute novel in the world's history.

An address was delivered by Colonel Kilbourne.

THE MASONIC FRATERNITY

New England Lodge, No. 4, at Worthington, was organized June 28, 1808, under a charter issued by the Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Masons, for the State of Connecticut, and dated October, 1803. Rev. James Kilbourne was appointed first Master of this Lodge.

In 1820 the Masons of Worthington erected a substantial brick hall for Lodge purposes, which is still used at this time.

There is genuine "worth" in Worthington.

Let's keep it there —
By high ideals, intelligence
And living on the square.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

Ark Lodge, No. 270, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, February 22, 1855.

The Lodge was instituted April 16, 1855. In 1873 they purchased the upper story of the Town Hall building for a Lodge Hall, which is now neatly fitted up and supplied with the proper emblems of the order.

CALENDAR OF CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY

- 9:30 A.M. Church School, S. Ezra McCulloh, Supt. Mrs. Charles Lee, Primary Supt.
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship.
 6:30 P.M. Meeting of Youth Groups from September through May.

MONDAY

- Second Monday of each month, The Woodrow Guild meets at 8:00 P.M.
 The Third Monday, The Board of Session meets at 7:00 P.M.; The Men's Club at 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY

- 7:00 P.M. The Boy Scout Troop meets.

WEDNESDAY

- 7:30 P.M. Mid-Week Service.
 8:30 P.M. First Wednesday of each month the Board of Trustees meet.
 8:30 P.M. The Second Wednesday of each month the Board of Deacons meet.

THURSDAY

- 6:30—8:00 P.M. Youth Choirs meet.

SATURDAY

- 7:00 P.M. Morning Choir meets.

A WELCOME TO NEW RESIDENTS

DEAR FRIENDS:

Welcome to the Village of Worthington. As you enter this village may you seek friends by showing yourself to be friendly.

You will find an excellent spirit prevailing in this Community and we trust you will help to further this spirit by your cooperation and entry into the life of our village.

If you have not as yet made a decision as to what church you are going to attend, we invite you to visit, The First Presbyterian Church, an organization democratically controlled and operated. A church that is growing steadily, having increased its membership by one hundred in the last three years. There is an active church school with excellent administration and splendid teachers.

You will find that every age in your home will have a place in this church. No one is omitted as far as group functions are concerned.

If you have not been contacted personally by our Church and are interested, or have problems with which we may help, please feel free to contact us.

Trusting we may soon have the pleasure of meeting.
 I am,

Sincerely,
 The Minister