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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NORTH OF COLUMBIA RIVER.

On the morning of November 12, 1854 (Sabbath), a little company of people met for Divine worship in the cooper shop of Mr. R. Wood, fronting on Columbia street. [Picture of this building on second page.] The Rev. G. F. Whitworth, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the services, preaching from first clause of Zechariah 4:10, “For who hath despised the day of small things,” with latter clause of Amos 7:5, “By whom shall Jacob arise, for he is small.”

In the afternoon the congregation again assembled and the Church was organized, with seven members, two of whom are still living—Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Beatty. Mrs. Beatty being then Miss Mary J. Thompson. Besides them were Mrs. Sarah Thompson, Mrs. Mary Eliza Whitworth, Mr. and Mrs. Putnam Hays, Mr. R. L. Doyle—seven in all.

In the evening Mr. Whitworth again preached from the Word of God, Isaiah 43:21, “This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.”

There were no Elders ordained at this time, or for some years afterward, the Church being served by Deacons. A short time after the organization Hon. B. F. Yantis, Mr. D. C. Beatty and R. L. Doyle were elected Deacons, and served as such for some years. About 1857 Father Wm. C. Kincaid was elected Ruling Elder (the first in the Church), and represented the Church in the organization of the Presbytery of Puget Sound, at Olympia, Wash., the first Presbytery in all this great Northwest, organized September 27, 1858. After this a short time Mr. A. Williamson Stewart was received into the Church and became the second Ruling Elder. Mr. Geo. F. Boynton was elected the third.

Dr. A. G. Henry was the next Elder. He was among the number lost in the wreck of the Brother Jonathan as he was returning by way of San Francisco from attending the funeral obsequies of President Lincoln, at Washington, D. C., in that memorable April in 1865. Mr. D. C. Beatty was ordained an Elder about the same time with Dr. Henry, and served the Church faithfully for several years, but later removed to the country, where he still resides.

In 1860 Rev. R. J. Evans came to the coast to organize the Church at Chambers’ Prairie, and a little later was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Olympia, thus becoming the first settled
pastor, and served in this capacity until his death, in 1863. He was loved by all who knew him, and died lamented by all.

After the organization, or until 1862, the congregation worshiped in what is now known as the Old Olympian Building, corner Sixth and Franklin streets, the second story of which was fitted up and made a very pleasant home. The Ladies' Aid Society raised the funds and purchased the lots still owned and occupied, and in 1862 Hon. H. M. Reed prepared the plans and the present edifice was erected, in which the people have regularly met for worship, but which came near being destroyed by fire some years ago, the rear portion being burned, but was rebuilt. There are two daughters, which after a time decided to set up housekeeping for themselves, and ran away. The Congregational and the United Presbyterian churches were both formed out of the membership of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Church was served by supplies from 1863 to 1869. Rev. Mr. Simpson and Rev. Mr. Sanderson filling that place. In 1870 Rev. J. R. Thompson, D. D., was called, and accepted, but was not installed until 1872, serving as stated supply until this time, when he was installed, and was pastor till 1884. January 1st Rev. W. B. Lee, D. D., was called to the pastorate, and served until January, 1890. Rev. T. J. Lamont, D. D., next became pastor, and served until 1896, resigning at this time.

Rev. J. L. Thompson supplied the Church from January 3, 1897, till October, 1899. Rev. R. M. Hayes was called to the pastorate, and is the present pastor of the Church. During the interm of selecting pastors, other supplies than those mentioned filled the pulpit at different intervals, but their names were not recorded.

Hon. B. F. Yantis was elected and ordained Elder January 23, 1867, and served continually until his death, February 8, 1876. The esteem in which he was held is attested by resolutions spread upon the records and approved by the entire congregation.

Hon. Thos. M. Reed was elected Ruling Elder February 3, 1867. Before being elected Elder he served the Church as Trustee for years. He was the architect that planned the present house of worship.

Capt. J. J. Gilbert was ordained Elder March 8, 1874, in which capacity he has served to the present time.

Gen. R. H. Milroy was ordained January 17, 1875, serving in that capacity until his death, which occurred March 29, 1890.
WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE.

Brief Statement of the Reformed Faith, Adopted by the General Assembly of 1902.

ARTICLE I—OF GOD.

We believe in the ever-living God, who is a Spirit and the Father of our spirits, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being and perfections; the Lord Almighty, most just in all His ways, most glorious in holiness, unsearchable in wisdom and plenteous in mercy, full of love and compassion, and abundant in goodness and truth. We worship Him, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three persons in one Godhead, one in substance and equal in power and glory.

ARTICLE II.—OF REVELATION.

We believe that God is revealed in nature, in history, and in the heart of man; that He has made gracious and clearer revelations of Himself to men of God who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, and that Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is the brightness of the Father's glory, and the express image of His person. We gratefully receive the Holy Scriptures, given by inspiration, to be the faithful record of God's gracious revelations and the sure witness to Christ, as the Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and life.

ARTICLE III—OF THE ETERNAL PURPOSE.

We believe that the eternal, wise, holy and loving purpose of God embraces all events, so that while the freedom of man is not taken away, nor is God the author of sin, yet in His providence He makes all things work together in the fulfillment of His sovereign design and the manifestation of His glory. Wherefore, humbly acknowledging the mystery of this truth, we trust in His protecting care and set our hearts to do His will.

ARTICLE IV.—OF THE CREATION.

We believe that God is the creator, Upholder and governor of all things; that He is above all His works and in them all; and that He
made man in His own image, meet for fellowship with Him, free and able to choose between good and evil, and forever responsible to his Maker and Lord.

ARTICLE V.—OF THE SIN OF MAN.

We believe that our first parents, being tempted, chose evil, and so fell away from God and came under the power of sin, the penalty of which is eternal death; and we confess that, by reason of his disobedience, we and all men are born with a sinful nature, that we have broken God's law, and that no man can be saved but by His grace.

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE GRACE OF GOD.

We believe that God, out of His great love for the world, has given His only begotten Son to be the Saviour of sinners, and in the Gospel freely offers His all-sufficient salvation to all men. And we praise Him for the unspeakable grace wherein He has provided a way of eternal life for all mankind.

ARTICLE VII.—OF ELECTION.

We believe that God, from the beginning, in His own good pleasure, gave to His Son a people, an innumerable multitude, chosen in Christ unto holiness, service and salvation; we believe that all who come to years of discretion can receive this salvation only through faith and repentance; and we believe that all who die in infancy, and all others given by the Father to the Son who are beyond the reach of the outward means of grace, are regenerated and saved by Christ through the Spirit, who works when and where and how He pleases.

ARTICLE VIII.—OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

We believe in and confess the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Mediator between God and man, who, being the eternal Son of God, for us men and for our salvation became truly man, being conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, without sin; unto us He has revealed the Father, by His Word and Spirit making known the perfect will of God; for us He fulfilled all righteousness and satisfied eternal justice, offering Himself a perfect sacrifice upon the cross to take away the sin of the world; for us He rose from the dead and ascended into Heaven, where He ever intercedes for us; in our hearts, joined to Him by faith, He abides forever as the indwelling Christ; over us, and over all for us, He rules: whereas, unto Him we render love, obedience and adoration as our Prophet, Priest and King forever.

ARTICLE IX.—OF FAITH AND REPENTANCE.

We believe that God pardons our sins and accepts us as righteous solely on the ground of the perfect obedience and sacrifice of Christ, re-
ceived by faith alone; and that this saving faith is always accompanied
by repentance wherein we confess and forsake our sins with full purpose
of, and endeavor after, a new obedience to God.

ARTICLE X.—OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who
moves everywhere upon the hearts of men, to restrain them from evil
and to incite them unto good, and who the Father is ever willing to give
unto all who ask Him. We believe that He has spoken by holy men of
God in making known His truth to men for their salvation; that, through
our exalted Saviour, He was sent forth in power to convict the world of
sin, to enlighten men’s minds in the knowledge of Christ, and to per-
suade and enable them to obey the call of the Gospel; and that He
abides with the church, dwelling in every believer as the spirit of truth,
of holiness and of comfort.

ARTICLE XI.—OF THE NEW BIRTH AND THE NEW LIFE.

We believe that the Holy Spirit only is the author and source of the
new birth; we rejoice in the new life, wherein He is given unto us as the
seal of sonship in Christ, and keeps loving fellowship with us, helps us
in our infirmities, purges us from our faults, and ever continues His
transforming work in us until we are perfected in the likeness of Christ,
in the glory of the life to come.

ARTICLE XII.—OF THE NEW BIRTH AND THE NEW LIFE.

We believe that in the life to come the spirits of the just, at death
made free from sin, enjoy immediate communion with God and the
vision of His glory; and we confidently look for the general resurrection
in the last day, when the bodies of those who sleep in Christ shall be
fashioned in the likeness of the glorious body of their Lord, with whom
they shall live and reign forever.

ARTICLE XIII.—OF THE LAW OF GOD.

We believe that the law of God, revealed in the Ten Commandments,
and more clearly disclosed in the words of Christ, is forever established
in truth and equity, so that no human work shall abide except it be built
on this foundation. We believe that God requires of every man to do
justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with his God; and that only
through this harmony with the will of God shall be fulfilled that broth-
erness of man wherein the kingdom of God is to be made manifest.

ARTICLE XIV.—OF THE CHURCH AND THE SACRAMENTS.

We believe in the Holy Catholic-Church, of which Christ is the only
Head. We believe that the Church Visible embraces all who profess
the true religion, together with their children. We receive to our com-
munion all who confess and obey Christ as their divine Lord and Saviour, and we hold fellowship with all believers in Him. We receive the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, alone divinely established and committed to the Church, together with the Word, as means of grace; made effectual only by the Holy Spirit, and always to be used by Christians with prayer and praise to God.

ARTICLE XV.—Of the Last Judgment.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again in glorious majesty to judge the world, and to make a final separation between the righteous and the wicked. The wicked shall receive the eternal award of their sins, and the Lord will manifest the glory of His mercy in the salvation of His people and their entrance upon the full enjoyment of eternal life.

ARTICLE XVI.—Of Christian Service and the Final Triumph.

We believe that it is our duty, as servants and friends of Christ to do good unto all men, to maintain the public and private worship of God, to hallow the Lord's Day, to preserve the sanctity of the family; to uphold the just authority of the State, and so to live in all honesty, purity and charity that our lives shall testify to Christ. We joyfully receive the word of Christ, bidding His people to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, and declare unto them that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, and that He will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. We confidently trust that by His power and grace, all His enemies and ours shall be finally overcome, and the kingdoms of this world shall be made the kingdom of our God and of His Christ. In this faith we abide; in this service we labor; and in this hope we pray.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Members will be received at any communion service or at any other service of the Church where the pastor and two elders are present, in the following ways:

1. On Profession of Faith. Persons will be received into full membership on their public Profession of faith in Jesus Christ, after a simple and brief examination before the Session as to their Repentance of Sin, and Faith in Him as a personal Saviour. Persons not previously baptized will receive the rite before taking the public pledge to Christ and His Church.

N. B. Members of the Presbyterian Church are not asked to sub-
scribe to the "Confession of Faith," but pledge to lives of obedience to Christ as the head of the Church, to the Bible as the only Rule of Faith and Practice, and to the Holy Spirit as the Teacher and Guide of believers.

2. On Certificates of Dismissal. Persons who are members of any Evangelical Church are admitted to full membership without examination or form of public reception, on the presentation of a satisfactory certificate or letter of dismissal, testifying to the fact of their good standing in former Church home.

3. On Reiteration of Faith. When certificates have been lost, or are withheld without good cause, or are unobtainable because of long separation from former Church home, the Session may, upon their own knowledge of the character of the applicants receive them into full membership if they are willing to reiterate their faith in Jesus Christ before the session and take the public pledge before the Church.

Everyone should be a Christian and accept Christ.
Every Christian should have a Church home somewhere.
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

CHURCH HISTORY.

"For who hath despised the day of small things." There are times when, in this day, it would seem as if prophetic vision and utterance were given to some. The word of Scripture chosen for the occasion in the organization of the little Church was surely by inspiration of God, for who could foresee the result. The country then an almost unbroken wilderness. Fifty years have passed, and the beautiful shores of Puget Sound are now adorned with magnificent cities, which have become the gateways for commerce. The little Church has been multiplied, where it then stood alone of its denomination. There are now 69 Churches in the Presbyteries of Olympia and Puget Sound, with a membership of 6,556; a Sunday school enrollment of 5,049; while the amount of money raised and expended in the year 1903 for congregational purposes amounted in the aggregate to the sum of $104,639. Truly we may be enabled to say, "Behold! what wonderful things hath God wrought." It is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
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Miss Jeanette Taylor, Treasurer.
Miss Lottie Algier, Organist.
REGULAR SERVICES.

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*From May 1 to October 1, one-half hour later.

COMMUNION.

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at the morning service of the first Sabbath of January, April, July and October. Members of all other evangelical churches are cordially welcomed at “The Lord’s Table.”

STATED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The Annual Congregational meeting, held under the state law for incorporations, is held on March 15th of each year for the purpose of electing Trustees and the transaction of all such business as may properly be brought before it. At this meeting all who attend the services of our church or who contribute to its support are entitled to vote.

CHURCH SUPPORT.

The church is supported by voluntary annual subscriptions, payable weekly or monthly, and free-will offerings. Each member is invited to contribute regularly and cheerfully, according to ability.

Who Should Give?
The Scriptures say “EVERY ONE OF YOU,” 1 Cor. 16.

How Much Should Each Give?
Under the old dispensation one-tenth of the income belonged to the Lord. That much was paid by every one as a debt. Much was given by devout Jews above the tenth as free-will offerings.

Should Christians living under grace and with all the blessings of Gospel light and privilege, give less than the Jews?
The Scriptures say, “As God has prospered you,” 1 Cor. 16:2. “He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully,” II Cor. 9:6.

How Should Each Give?
“FREELY ye have received, freely give,” Matt. 10:8. “Not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver,” II Cor. 9:7.

Systematically. “On the first day of the week,” 1 Cor. 16:2.

Subscription blanks and envelopes for the offering are furnished by the treasurer.
BENEVOLENCES.

Offerings.—At the communion service we take regular quarterly offerings for the eight benevolent boards of our church, which are the agencies through which we carry on the world-wide work of our Lord, committed to our branch of His church, and are worthy of the most cordial support.

Our Plan.—Following what is known as the "General Assembly plan," we divide the total sums received in the quarterly offerings as follows: Foreign missions, 33⅓ per cent; home missions 30⅓ per cent and the remaining six boards 6 per cent each.

Special Requests.—If you wish the contents of your envelope to be used for any special Board or Boards of our Church, indicate your desire on the envelope and we will comply.

If any member of the Church contributes during the year to the Bible Society, Whitworth College, or any of the benevolent Boards of our Church (i.e., aside from the regular quarterly offerings) please report all such contributions to the pastor that we may have proper credit in the annual report to the General Assembly.

The Boards to which contributions are expected to be made are as follows:

- Home Missions.
- Foreign Missions.
- Church Erection.
- Ministerial Relief.
- Sabbath School Work.
- Aid to Colleges.
- Freedmen.
- American Bible Society.
THE CHURCH TODAY.

Fifty years have wrought their changes. The few scattering homes that constituted the seat of government for the Territory of Washington have given place to a beautiful city, the capital of a great state, with its massive legislative halls, splendid churches and school houses. The stalwarts of that day, the blazers of the pathway for civilization have nearly all "fallen asleep," but their work remains. Noble men and women were they that gave of their substance freely to lay the foundation of government upon Christian principles, but they nearly all have entered into their rest. Of the pastors, Evans, Thompson, Lee, Lamont heard and answered the summons "come up higher." The life of Dr. Whitworth has been graciously lengthened out and he has been permitted to see the seed sown yielding "the gracious harvest" ere he is called to his reward. The little beginnings of that November Sabbath fifty years ago have been owned and blessed of God. Many have gone out into the world strengthened for their life work by the faithful presentation of the word of God from the lips of devoted pastor or Sabbath school teacher. In her equipment for work the Church has never, at any time in the past, been in better condition for service for the Blessed Master than today.

Woman's Missionary Societies, Ladies' Aid Society, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, senior, junior and intermediate; loyal Sabbath school teachers, a faithful Session and Board of Trustees, give their encouragement to the pastor as the Church stands loyally obeying the command, "Preach the Gospel."
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Graham, Mrs. L. E.
Garrison, Mrs. Geo. H.
Gilles, Miss Lella E.
Gaston, Mrs. Isabelle
Gaston, Miss Anna B.
Greenbank, G. Herbert
Greenbank, Mrs. Adelaide Marie
Greenbank, Miss Grace
Hall, Mary Newcomb
Hadley, H. E.
Hadley, Mrs. H. E.
Henry, T. N.
Henry, Mrs. T. N.
Hall, John
Hall, Mrs. John
Hall, Albert
Hall, Mrs. Albert
Hayes, Mrs. E. C.
Henderson, C. W.
Henderson, Mrs. J. M.
Henderson, Harrold H.
Henderson, Lloyd P.
Iverson, Miss Martha
Iverson, Miss Anna Olivia
Iverson, Miss Ada Julia
Iverson, Miss Ella Dorothy
Jackson, John M.