Services for the Formal Opening of Immanuel Methodist Church

Arcadia and Dixie Highway
Lakeside Park, Kentucky
May 13 to 20, 1956
Serve Turkey?
No Names!
Reformation—Luther
Methodism—John Wesley

Text:
What Then Is Pride in Ancestry
As Compared to the Hope of Posterity
Never Look Back
Historical Sketch—1949

Pioneer 1848
1st Minister 1849
By Lantern Light from Park Hills—Wilderness

1877 - 154 Member
142 Attended
March to New Church—Sept. 17/50
Historical Sketch

In 1835, Dr. William Nast was commissioned by the Ohio Conference of the Methodist Church to work among the German emigrants in the Cincinnati District, and seven years later meetings were being conducted in Covington and Newport.

The first services of Immanuel were held in the home of Frederick Dohrmann and A. N. Wexelberg. In 1848 Mr. Dohrmann assembled the group in his home, when the organization of a church in Covington was proposed.

Assembled in the soft glow of kerosene lamps on that memorable occasion were the families of Wexelbergs, Kalensbergs, Hoffmeyers, Dohrmann and Timothy Heineman, a newcomer to the community.

Resolved in purpose, the group knelt in prayer, inspired by the conviction that they had been commissioned to found what is now Immanuel Methodist Church.

Rev. Christian Vogel became its first regular pastor in 1849 and the following year a frame chapel at 717-719 Craig Street was purchased from the Baptists for eleven hundred dollars.

It was in this church that Covington glimpsed its first Christmas tree. Cut down by the men, the tree was brought across the Ohio River from Cincinnati on the ferry and then to the church. It was resplendent with strands of popcorn, gilded walnuts, springerle cookies and gleaming candles.

Organization of the Sunday School was effected in 1853 with five church members and 15 children. A. N. Wexelberg was the first superintendent.

In 1864 a parsonage was purchased adjacent to the church.

In 1866 a lot at the southeast corner of 10th and Russell streets, Covington, was purchased. The contract for the building, excluding the furnishings on the second floor, called for an expenditure of $14,948.50.

July 11, 1869, the cornerstone was laid and January 2, 1870, the lower room was dedicated. Completion of the church however, was postponed, the congregation completing the building February 20, 1876, and it was formally dedicated.
In 1889 the Epworth League of the Methodist Church was organized in Cleveland, O., and in the following year Immanuel Methodist Church received its charter. The Epworth League became a source of training and entertainment for young people of the church.

On August 9, 1947, the official board of the church accepted the offer of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Zimmerman for the ground on which the present edifice stands—Arcadia and Dixie Highway, Lakeside Park. On June 10, 1949 ground was broken for the new structure.

The congregation moved from the old church at 10th and Russell streets, Covington, in September 1950, to the present site.

The Immanuel name of the old building, which was filled with sacred memories and cherished traditions, was transferred so that its meaning, "God With Us," might be a symbol for the members to carry the torch of their forebears.


Those who have worked on the building committee in planning the new sanctuary and education building are: C. Albert Schroetter, chairman; W. Leonard Harper, vice-chairman; C. Gordon Walker, secretary; Leo Teipel, Henry M. Zimmerman, Ray Elo, E. O. Marting, Jr., W. Monroe Zeidler, William Schaeflter, and Mrs. Vincent Keller.
SERVICES IN THE FORMAL OPENING
of
IMMANUEL METHODIST CHURCH

OPENING DAY SERVICE, MAY 13th, 10:45 A. M.
"I BELIEVE IN THE CHURCH"
by
The Rev. James A. Shepherd, Minister
Immanuel Methodist Church

SUNDAY, MAY 13, 7:45 P. M.
Fellowship Night and Open House
Mr. C. A. Schroetter — "A History of the Church"
Mr. Walter R. Horst — "The Present and Future"

MONDAY, MAY 14, 7-9 P. M.
Church to be open to public for inspection

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 7-9 P. M.
Church to be open to public for inspection

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 7:45 P. M.
The Official Consecration Service
of the New Sanctuary
with Bishop William T. Watkins preaching
the consecration sermon

SUNDAY, MAY 20, PENTECOST SUNDAY
9:30 A. M. — Children's Program
10:45 A. M. — Rev. H. C. Ogles, District Superintendent
of the Covington District of the Methodist
Church, preaching.
Bishop William T. Watkins

Bishop Watkins is Bishop of the Louisville Area of the Methodist Church, which includes the Kentucky, Louisville and Memphis Conferences. He has over 1600 churches under his supervision. We are honored to have him deliver the Consecration Sermon in our new sanctuary.

Rev. James A. Shepherd

Rev. Shepherd has been the minister of Immanuel Methodist Church since March 1952. During this time indebtedness on the first unit of the present building was paid and work was started to complete the sanctuary, chapel and educational space. The first sermon in the new sanctuary will be preached by him entitled "I Believe in the Church."

Rev. H. C. Ogles

Rev. Ogles has been the District Superintendent of the Covington District for the past two years and has given the district excellent leadership. We are pleased to have him preach on Pentecost Sunday.
Opening Day Worship Service
Immanuel Methodist Church
May 13, 1956 — 10:45 A. M.

Organ Prelude:  Priere A Notre-Dame  Boellmann
Call to Worship  The Congregation
“The Lord is in his Holy Temple Temple; let all the earth keep silence before him”
Processional Hymn 381  The Church’s One Foundation

Altar Flame Ceremony:
  Flame Symbolism and Charge — The Minister
  Response by the Congregation: We are profoundly grateful for
  the faith of our mothers and fathers in Christ. We testify that it is
  living still. We would now in all earnestness dedicate ourselves anew
  to the responsibility of keeping alive and vital the spiritual realities
  symbolized by this burning flame.

Affirmation of Faith  The Congregation
  “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 unto 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.”

Hymn Meditation
The Pastoral Prayer  The Lord's Prayer
Anthem: “For My Mother”  Children’s Choir
Responsive Reading: Hope in God  Page 586

The Gloria Patri  The Congregation
  “Glory be to the Father and to the Son to the Holy Ghost, as it was in
  the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.”

Offertory: “If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”  Neumark-Schriener
Anthem: “Great and Marvelous”  Turnel
The Sermon: “I Believe in The Church”  The Minister
Recessional Hymn: No. 279  “God of Grace and God of Glory”

The Benediction  The Minister
The Doxology  The Congregation
  “Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here
  below, praise Him above ye Heavenly hosts, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
  Amen.”

Postlude: Toccata  Rogers
The Consecration Service
Immanuel Methodist Church
May 13, 1956 — 7:45 P. M.

Prelude: Anatino
Hymn: 162

Rheinberger
O For a Thousand Tongues

CALL TO WORSHIP

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 court.

People; Praise waiteth for thee, O God and unto thee shall the vow be performed. Amen.

(Here let the people be seated and bow in prayer)

INVOCATION: The 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 dwellest 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: (Here let the people unite with the minister in prayer)

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 mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SOLO: “Great Peace Have They Which Love Thy Law” Jeanne Foster

RESPONSIVE PSALM: (Here let the people stand and remain standing until after the Gloria Patri)

The earth is the Lord’s, and fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors.
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors.
And the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
GLORIA PATRI

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

DECLARATION: The minister.

In the name of God and in the presence of this congregation I now declare this church to be open for the worship of God and the service of men. May it be a house of prayer for all people. Upon you as a congregation there rests the solemn responsibility to see to it that all liability of a financial character resting upon this property be speedily lifted so that this church may be dedicated to God in the name of Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let us join in an act of consecration to God and His Church.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER: (Here let the people bow)

Almighty and everlasting God, in communion with the saints in all the ages, and remembering the heritage that has been given to us, we offer thee our praise and thanksgiving.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

Help us to accept the privilege and responsibility of this thy fellowship of faith; here may we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

So may we fulfill the law of love.

Enable us, by thy grace, to dedicate ourselves this day to the great task which thou dost lay upon our hearts and consciences.

In all that we do, be thou, O Lord, our strength and help.

Reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect law, the joy of our living Lord, so that with glad hearts we may move forward in paths of high devotion and great achievement.

Be thou, O Lord, our guide and help for everyone. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: The minister

Most glorious God, accept through thy beloved Son our thanksgiving for thine unspeakable love and goodness. Thou art the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, full of compassion, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin. We thank thee that thou hast founded thy Church upon the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. We thank thee that thou hast committed to thy ministers the word of reconciliation. Continue thy lovingkindness unto us, that we may rejoice and be glad in thee all our days. Guide us by thy counsel, and afterward receive us to thy glory; where, with all the blessed host of heaven, we may behold, adore, and perfectly and joyfully praise thee, our most glorious creator, redeemer, and sanctifier for ever and ever. Amen.

The Offertory: “O, Fairest Church of Christ” Sachs Schriener
Consecration Sermon Bishop William T. Watkins
Hymn No. 379 I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
The Benediction Demarest
The Postlude: “Thanksgiving”
Architect, Contractors, and Suppliers

Architect ........................................... Charles Hildreth
General Contractors ......................... Schrudde & Zimmermann
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Roofing & Metal Work ......................... Glaser & Son
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Heating ............................................. Nick Blau
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Organ Installation ............................ Baldwin
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Draperies ........................................... Coppin's
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