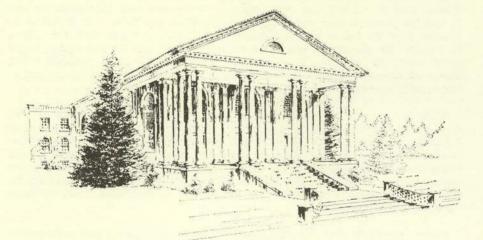
100th Anniversary

Trinity United Methodist Church 1870 - 1970

Memorial Service

November 8, 1970



William R. Cannon Bishop, Raleigh, N. C.

Dr. Joyce V. Early District Supt., Sanford, N. C. Paul W. Boone Minister, Troy, N. C.

To the Members and Friends of Trinity:

It is a thrill for me to be the pastor of Trinity Church when we celebrate the first one hundred years in the history of this great church. I have never belonged to a church nor served as pastor when such an event took place. Indeed, it is a unique pleasure and experience.

There are two thoughts that occur to me in this event. First, that we are indebted to the past. When you read the church's history in this printed program you will appreciate the discomforts endured by those attending a worship service back in the "good ol' days". We should never forget the sacrifices made by those who have made possible the comfortable church in which we worship God today. The educational facilities for our children, youth, and adults are most adequate for our present needs. Recognizing our indebtedness to the past, let us strive to be worthy of what has been given for our use today.

The second thought that occurs to me is derived from a statement made by Bishop Paul N. Garber, our first bishop of the Raleigh area. Bishop Garber said it was his personal hope and his hope for the church in his day "to so live in the present that the future will be indebted to us". This is a good motto for us here in Trinity. We should not rest on the successes of the past but look to the present days' needs for service. It is my hope and prayer that future generations will look back upon the second hundred years and see that the people of Trinity continued to build upon the deeds of their heritage.

While the present day may not call for large construction of buildings, there are some specific needs in this area. There are needs for: adequate parking facilities, a chapel, a new church organ, and completion of funds for an elevator to aid some members in being able to attend church. There is the hope of greater evangelism for our church in reaching the un-churched and inactive members in our community. Then there is the dream of being able to financially underwrite the cost of maintaining a missionary family in the foreign fields. Truly the fields "are white already to harvest".

Today we thank God our Heavenly Father for this joyous centennial observance and ask His Divine Guidance for now and the future.

In His Service. Paul W. Boone

Paul W. Boone

The United Methodist Church

RALEIGH AREA

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WILLIAM R. CANNON RESIDENT BISHOP

October 27, 1970

To The Congregation Trinity United Methodist Church Troy, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

Your pastor extended to me a gracious invitation to preach at your Centennial Observance on November 8. Unfortunately, when I received the invitation my schedule for the fall had already been filled and I had to be somewhere else on November 8.

However, I am sending this message to wish you well on your 100th birthday. Your past has been a remarkable one. May it always be an inspiration to you in the present and give you incentive to make the future even more wonderful. We can only do what ought to be done by the grace of God and in the power of His might.

> Sincerely, William R. Cannon William R. Cannon

WRC:a

Centennial Observance

10:45 A.M.

The Order of Service for Divine Worship

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

November 8, 1970

*THE CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

***THE INVOCATION**

LITANY OF COMMEMORATION

Minister: Let us pray. Almighty God, before whom do stand the living and the dead, we thy children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to thee for all those through whom thou hast blessed our pilgrimage,

Congregation: THANKS BE TO THEE, O GOD.

Minister: For the dear friends and kindred of Trinity Church whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever,

Congregation: WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

Minister: For the Sunday School teachers and companions of our childhood youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship now in heaven, Congregation: WE LIFT UP OUR HEARTS IN GRATITUDE AND PRAISE.

Minister: For those through whose sacrifice we live, our brethren who have given their lives for our freedom among the nations,

Congregation: WE GIVE THANKS AND WILL GIVE THANKS.

M inister: That we may now be dedicated to working through the ministry of service to Thee through Trinity Church and where we may be engaged in freeing mankind from fear and offering the love of Christ,

Congregation: O LORD, SAVE THY PEOPLE AND BLESS THINE HERITAGE. DAY BY DAY WE MAGNIFY THEE, AND WORSHIP THY NAME, WORLD WITHOUT END. AMEN.

PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER (IN UNISON) AND CHORAL RESPONSE WORDS OF WELCOME......Church Lay Leader, John Callicutt WORDS OF GREETING FROM THE TOWN OF TROY.......Mayor, Clyde C. Norris ORGAN INTERLUDE

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE METHODIST KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

Directors: Mrs. James B. Allen, Jr. & Mrs. James M. Ewing

OUR CHURCH HISTORY.......Administrative Board Chairman, John C. Wallace OUR CHURCH BUILDING......Former Pastor, The Rev. L. D. Hayman ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE JUNIOR CHOIR ANTHEM: "Sing Unto The Lord".....Stanley Smith Directors: Mrs. Paul Poole and Mrs. Clyde Phillips

THE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE DOXOLOGY

THE SERMON: "TRINITY CHURCH THEN AND NOW"....Dr. Joyce V. Early, District Superintendent

**HYMN NO. 294: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"......Tune: St. Thomas PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE BENEDICTION......The Rev. John A. Russell THE CHORAL RESPONSE AND CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

THE ORGAN POSTLU

*Please stand.

**If you have a reason for thanksgiving or a need for prayer, you are invited to come and kneel at the altar railing during the singing of this closing hymn.

WELCOME! WELCOME! To each and every one present today. We cannot extend enough praise to all those who have worked behind the outward scene in preparation for this great day. To all those whose names appear in the order of service for worship; to the ladies who prepared the covered dish dinner for today under the leadership of Mrs. Jesse Capel; to John C. Wallace for the re-writing of the church history; to the Council on Ministries for endorsing this observance; and many others. Especially do we welcome all of you from out of town who have returned "home". We look forward to great things for Trinity Church and appreciate your continued interest.

Acolytes today are: Tommy Kornegay and Woody Maness.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY to the family of Mrs. W. B. Morton, Sr. Mrs. Morton passed away on October 29, 1970.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Craig Hoover who were united in Christian marriage in Trinity Church on November 1, 1970. Mrs. Hoover is the former Fran Ledbetter.

UNICEF CONTRIBUTIONS solicited by the Jr. Hi Youth Fellowship amounted to \$97,13.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Today: 6 P.M.-Sr. Hi Youth Fellowship

6:30 P.M.-Jr. Hi Youth Fellowship

5-6 P.M.-Prayer and Meditation Hour in the Sanctuary

Monday: 3:00 P.M.-Circle No. 1 at the home of Mrs. E.T. Reynolds with Mrs. W. H. Johnson, co-hostess.

7:30 P.M.-Circle No. 2 at the home of Misses Connie and Myrtle Ewing.

7:30 P.M.-Circle No. 3 at the home of Mrs. D. Holt with Mrs. Clyde Nance, co-hostess.

Tuesday: 6:30 P.M.-United Methodist Men's Supper

Program: Guest Speaker, Mr. Elvin Jackson

7:45 P.M.-Administrative Board Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Wednesday: 10:30 A.M.-Circle No. 4 at the home of Mrs. Earle Connelly

7:00 P.M.-Praver and Bible Study: Genesis 21-25

7:30 P.M.-Senior Choir Practice

Thursday: 3:15 P.M.-Junior Choir Practice

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE FUTURE

Union Thanksgiving Service in Trinity Church, Wednesday, November 25-7:30 P.M. First Meeting of Cub Pack No. 81 in Fellowship Hall, November 19-7:45 P.M. Christmas Eve Communion

Revival Services-April 11-15, 1971

Homecoming Next Year-November 7

Contributions for Chrismon ornaments may be made as memorial gifts. We will begin to list these memorial gifts in next week's bulletin. Please made contributions through Mrs. Charles Russell, phone 576-4601.

O God, in whom all the families of the earth are blessed, visit with thy loving kindness the homes in which our people dwell; give them tenderness and patience, forbearance and love, that together we may be one body in thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

"We don't serve Christianity by doing a disservice to our own denomination." -Bishop William R. Cannon How old is Trinity United Methodist Church? When was it organized? Who were the people? Where did they come from?

In 1870 written reference appears that positively dates Trinity as being an established church; however, the years prior to 1870 offer some scattered evidence that the origin may have been much earlier.

Far back in Troy's history there were two Methodist churches. First Methodist can trace its lineage back to a parent church, Mount Olivet, but the origin of Trinity is more obscure.

Following the Civil War, there was social upheaval. People were displaced and families scattered. It was not uncommon for relative strangers to gather and hold impromptu worship services.

Church organizations were among the first to recover after the war, and it is probable that Trinity emerged from one of the informal groups. Stories and legend indicate that services were held in homes, later in the courthouse, but the exact date when the decision was made to construct a church building is not in the records. The building existed shortly after 1870 and the choice of site and the type of building gives rise to some interesting speculation.

First Methodist was now an existing church, occupying a wooden building near the school, in what was the best residential section. This church, as an off-shoot of Mount Olivet, had strong local support, and was considered the leading church in the community. Its location was in a plaza-like area near the school.

> (Ed. Note: This is the area now occupied by the American Legion Building and the Heath Miller residence. The building burned and was replaced by a brick structure in 1905. The name "First Methodist" was lost to some degree in local usage and the names emerged as "The Methodist Church" in reference to Trinity and as "The Brick Church" in reference to First Methodist.)

Trinity's first building was a humble structure, and the choice of location poses a point of speculation that can not be answered accurately, but you can draw conclusions that probably fit the case. Keep in mind that Trinity was young and struggling and it is likely that pride had a strong, if unadmitted, influence on the location.

The spot chosen was approximately where the present County Social Services Building now stands on the East Side of South Main Street, adjacent to the Town Cemetery. In that day, this was a particularly coveted position. It was near a major barn and livery stable (Allen's), it was in the edge of the prestige residential section, and it was within a block of the Courthouse. Add to that fact stories that say the land was given...and...in a Methodist Church, this is always strong motivation.

Pictured is an artist's sketch of the first building occupied by Trinity. This is a composite, made up from descriptions, but is probably quite accurate.

Our forefathers may have been filled with pride in their new church, but they were not exactly leaders in architectural styling. The building they erected conformed with the accepted style of the day.

It was wood framed, weatherboarded, rectangular, about 40 by 60 feet with large windows for light and air. It did depart from convention in two notable respects. One: The absence of any chimney, flue, or heating device. The people were expected to wear enough clothes to keep warm.

(Ed. Note: At some time later a flue was added along with a wood burning stove.)



TRINITY'S FIRST BUILDING

This artist sketch was made from descriptions of Trinity's first building. It was located on the site now occupied by The Community Services Building on South Main Street. Note the double front doors. This was an innovation in church structures at the time. The cupola on the roof contained the bell.

Church History Continued

A second non-conformity was the doors. Most churches of the time had two front doors, several feet apart. Trinity was different--it had double doors, and people of the time noted the convenience of the larger opening.

There was a cupola affair...not to be dignified as a steeple, on the roof of the building, near the front, that contained the bell.

When the flue was added, the building was heated (some) by a large stove. This sat in the middle of the building; the center row of pews stopped some six to eight feet from the stove. The right and left sections of pews extended a few rows beyond. It was the duty of certain appointed members (usually larger boys, supervised by a man) to start the fire before the service, early enough to warm the building and to stoke the wood-burning stove in such a manner as to not require that fuel be added during the service. Most of the custodians of the stove considered this a mandate to have the heating device red-hot and crammed with wood when worship started. After church, you could tell where a person sat in relation to the stove by what portion of his anatomy was parboiled.

Think a moment, and you can almost see how it was on a Sunday morning: The bell rang to call the people to worship...but the call was symbolic...folks were up before daybreak and had been sitting around for what they considered a half-day, waiting for the bell. The people would arrive, mostly in family groups, and the horses were tied-up to the trees nearby. As the family approached the front doors of the church they divided.....men and boys to one side; women, girls and small children to the other.

On the inside, two aisles divided the pews into three sections, right, left, and center. Men and boys sat on one side...women, girls and children sat on the other. The middle section of pews was sparsely occupied...perhaps by newly married couples, stove-tenders, by a few children (considered out-of-hand) and for a young courting couple to sit together in the center section was almost to announce their engagement.

The pews were crude, by our standards, built for strength and durability, rather than comfort. The stern, wide-awake attention of the congregation was almost guaranteed by the pews.

But--the preacher's comfort was not a marked influence on the furnishings either. Two straight, high-backed chairs stood behind the pulpit...a pulpit made of oak, heavy, durable, trimmed with hand-made moldings, stout and strong enough to stand the most violent poundings and exhortations.

Below the small elevated platform for the pulpit and chairs stood a small table on the floor level of the church. Chairs on either side completed the furnishings. This table was used by the leader of the Sunday School, as a "head table" for church meetings, and it was at this table that all writing was done and the records of the church maintained.

Music? No problem! The pitch-pipe, or the tuning fork, set the pitch and the song leader led away. Churches that were blessed with good song leaders often showed more growth and progress in membership than churches with good preachers. It was an early form of audience participation, put into practice.

The hymn books, the few they had, did not contain the musical notes...only the printed lines of the hymns, and they were not a large as they are now. In fact, the hymn books were about four by five inches, and an inch and a half thick. The church did have hymn books with printed music, maybe one or two for the song leaders, but to have this type book for the congregation was considered extravagant.

Thus it was with Trinity Methodist Church....until shortly after 1900 when growth and affluence brought about a decision to relocate and erect a new church building.



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH NORTH MAIN STREET

View shows church building from north and east sides. It was located on N. Main Street on the lot now occupied by the Albright Building. Photo reproduced from post card in possession of J. R. McKenzie Family.

Until now, Troy had been centered about the Courthouse, and the stores, attorney's offices, livery stables and the like, clustered about "courthouse square." But--changes were in the making.

Smitherman Cotton Mills had been built. The Page Railroad had been built, with its depot near the cotton mill. Families had begun to build in the northern section and the general growth seemed to swing in that direction. Some influential and affluent families were a part of Trinity, and the decision was made to relocate in the growth section--namely Smitherman's cow pasture.

This was the lot now occupied by the Albright Building (225 N. Main Street), and this time careful planning was done, with particular regard to appearance, utility and graceful styling.

Vaulted ceilings, stained glass windows, church school rooms, comfortable pews, central heat, all signs of progress that appeared in the new building.

(Ed. Note: Most of the pews from Main Street were transfered to the present church building, later refinished, and used until the 1966 remodeling. They were a lot more comfortable than those now in use.)

Many people remember the church building on Main Street. Many are the stories and recollections and from this great store of fact and legend the following has been lifted out to be remembered:

The Smitherman cow pasture was a kind-of-meadowy-low-place and this provided basement space in the church with little effort or cost. In the basement was located a furnace, one of the few central heating plants in the county. This was really an enormous stove, capped with an enclosure that led the heated air through a system of pipes or ducts to the auditorium and other rooms above. The system worked entirely on the principle that heated air rises and had no fans or other circulating devices.

In the Sunday School rooms behind the auditorium someone had a clock, a new-fangled thing called an alarm clock, with a racous bell. By intent or otherwise, the noisy alarm went off in the midst of the sermon one Sunday morning. The preacher smiled, along with the rest of the congregation, paused in his sermon to ask Brother Jim if he would please go and stop the clock. The truth was that Brother Jim was about asleep, did not fully understand what he was to do, but he undertook his task. In addition to this, Brother Jim was not aware that the clock alarm was of the intermittent variety...so by the time he located the thing, it has stopped its noise making.

Never having seen one of the contraptions before, he turned and twisted all the levers and knobs...put it back on the table and crept back to his place in the audi-torium.

He was no more than seated when the clock went off again---louder if anything, than it was before. Again the preacher paused and pointed out to Brother Jim that he needed to make another journey and attend to the clock.

Red-faced he went for the clock, slipped out the back door with it, and went into the basement. Unaware that the heating ducts made perfect sound amplifiers, Brother Jim told the clock what he thought of it--and smashed it on the floor... to the delight of the entire congregation.

It is said that the preacher just pronounced the benediction, and quit.

In 1925 plans were begun that resulted in the present church building. It was occupied in May 1929, and the cost was in excess of \$70,000.00 Even in those prosperous times, that was a lot of money...so, a considerable part of it was borrowed. The source of funds was two-fold: part from an insurance company and

part from the greater Methodist Church Conference. The church itself was a part of the collateral, but the real strength of the loan was in the signatures of the men of the church. At the time, it was considered an honor to be asked to sign the note.

Then came the crash and economic chaos of the 1930's. Trinity, like all other organizations, was severely hurt. Money could hardly be raised to pay the interest on the loans, much less anything on the principal. There was no work, wealthy men were broke, a cloud of despair settled on the congregation.

Meeting after meeting was held at the church, seeking answers to the problem. Strangely, the insurance company showed more compassion than the Methodist Conference. The insurance company agreed to accept interest payments, while the Conference insisted that their loan be met as agreed.

The story goes that a particularly irritating emmisary from the Methodist Conference came to Trinity--called the brethren together and gave them a good raw-hiding about not meeting their obligations. Apparently the man was completely unreasonable for he triggered a very quiet, thoughtful and soft-spoken man into jumping to his feet: "I've heard all of this I can stand. Let's raise the money and pay this X%% off!" And they did!

In 1964 the new educational building was completed, and named for Bess P. Poole, who was superintendent of the children's division of the Church School for forty years.

In 1966, complete renovation of the main church building was completed.

Trinity's service, as a church, is best judged by the community, not its members, but if you have a feeling of sentiment, and a love for antiquity, you can go see the pulpit from Main Street. It's on the top floor of the main building.

CREDITS

Artist sketch of first church building by Mrs. J. Paul Wallace.

Photo of Main Street building copied from post card in possession of J. R. McKenzie family.

Other information--From a host of people, Methodists and otherwise, who became interested in this project.

THE PASTORS OF TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In the early years, no records were kept in the conference Journals of the individual churches on circuits. In 1863, Troy is mentioned for the first time, along with Montgomery and Rockingham Circuits. From 1863 to 1871 Troy or Troy Mission is listed in the appointments. In 1872 the name Troy disappears and Montgomery takes its place. From 1890 through 1897 there is no mention of either Troy or Montgomery Circuits. Montgomery appears in the listings again in 1898. Troy reappears in 1904 and remains as a circuit or station from then on.

Until we can establish the name or names of the circuits Trinity was a part of in the early years, it is almost impossible to determine the names of the pastors who guided the church prior to 1904.

Date of Appointment	District	Charge Name	Pastor
1904-05	Rockingham	Troy	W. R. Royall
1906-07	Rockingham	Troy	J. W. Bradley
1908	Rockingham	Troy	T. J. Dailey
1909	Rockingham	Troy	O. W. Dowd
1910	Rockingham	Troy Circuit	O. W. Dowd
1911	Rockingham	Troy Circuit	C. R. Canipe
1912	Rockingham	Troy Circuit	C. W. Smith
1913-14	Rockingham	Troy Circuit	J. T. Draper
1915	Rockingham	Troy & Biscoe	J. M. Benson
1916	Rockingham	Troy & Biscoe	C. R. Ross
1917 - 19	Rockingham	Troy	J. P. Bross
1920-22	Rockingham	Troy	J. W. Harrell
1923-25	Rockingham	Troy	J. H. McCracken
1926-28	Rockingham	Troy	L. D. Hayman
1929-30	Rockingham	Troy	A. S. Parker
1931	Fayetteville	Troy	J. A. Martin
1932-33	Fayetteville	Troy	D. A. Clarke
1934	Fayetteville	Troy	L. T. Singleton
1935-37	Fayetteville	Troy	W. R. Royall
1938	Fayetteville	Troy	R. G. L. Edwards
1939-43	Fayetteville	Troy	O. P. Fitzerald
1944-45	Fayetteville	Troy	H. R. Ashmore
1946-49	Fayetteville	Troy	C. P. Morris
1950-53	Fayetteville	Troy	H. B. Porter
1954-57	Fayetteville	Troy	Clyde G. McCarver
1958-63	Fayetteville	Troy: Trinity	J. Paul Edwards
1964-65	Sanford	Troy: Trinity	W. B. Cotton
1966-69	Sanford	Troy: Trinity	A. D. Byrd, Jr.
1970-	Sanford	Troy: Trinity	Paul W. Boone

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