

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S-TRINITY

The origins of St. Paul's Presbyterian and Trinity Methodist Churches go back more than seventy years to the beginning of Nelson. In 1925 both Churches became United. By 1956 the increase of population in the Fairview and North Shore areas made obvious the need for a church there. The decision to amalgamate was made with St. Paul's-Trinity congregation occupying the Trinity building and the second congregation established in Fairview.

Our original marble-granite building was constructed in 1908 replacing the white frame Church that had served the Methodists since about 1895. In the winter of 1915 the Church was badly damaged by fire which destroyed the Pipe Organ. By 1917 the building had been restored and in 1923 another Pipe Organ installed.

An extensive renovation program was begun in the early nineteen fifties. This included hundreds of back-breaking hours in the installation of an exterior drainage system and the complete renewal of the basement and the C.E. wing. The final stage of replacing the organ and renovating the Chancel was about to begin when the disastrous fire of April 17, 1967 once again reduced the building to rubble.

Now two years of the greatest inconvenience and hard work is nearly ended. Today we Dedicate and reopen our restored building.

Special tribute must be given today to the Building Committee of Fred Whiteley, Chairman; Mrs. Joan Martin, Secretary; Mike Berg, Insurance Negotiator; Frank Hawkins, George Hoover, Mrs. Marg Hornby, Earl Mason, Mrs. Isabel Ramsay, Mrs. Pat Stallwood, Dr. Graeme Steed, Henry Niezen and Rev. D.A. Cline. And a special word of appreciation to the St. Saviour's Anglican congregation who have shared their facilities with us with unstinting generosity.

"To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness this Church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus Christ her Lord."

THE DEDICATION OF ST. PAUL'S-TRINITY CHURCH BUILDING

Sunday, March 9, 1969 - 2:00 P.M.

ORGAN PRELUDETHE KNOCKING ON THE DOORS

The Congregation and the Choirs having assembled in the Sanctuary and Chancel, the President of Conference, Rev. Stuart MacLeod, will knock three times at the main doors. Thus we are reminded of the patience and persistence of God who stands knocking and waiting for us to hear and welcome him.

The Clerk of Session, Mr. George Hoover, will open the doors and say:

"Brethren, in the name of the congregation I bid you welcome, and ask you to come into this sanctuary to receive the keys, and to dedicate this building to the glory of Almighty God."

THE ENTRANCE INTO THE CHURCH

Having come in through the main doors the President of Conference will say:

"Peace be to this house and all that worship in it.
Peace be to those that enter and to those that go
out from it.

Peace be to those that love it and that love the
name of Jesus Christ our Lord."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 669 "All people that on earth do dwell". During the hymn the Bible will be placed on the pulpit and those taking part in the service will move to their places in the chancel.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING

Mr. Ron Sawyer, Architect, standing at the Chancel steps, "On behalf of my associates and myself who have planned and supervised the building of this Church I present the keys asking that it now be dedicated to the Worship and Service of Almighty God."

Mr. Fred Whiteley, Chairman of the Building Committee, "We have planned and built this Church to the best of our ability under God's guidance. We give Him thanks in this Hour of Dedication."

