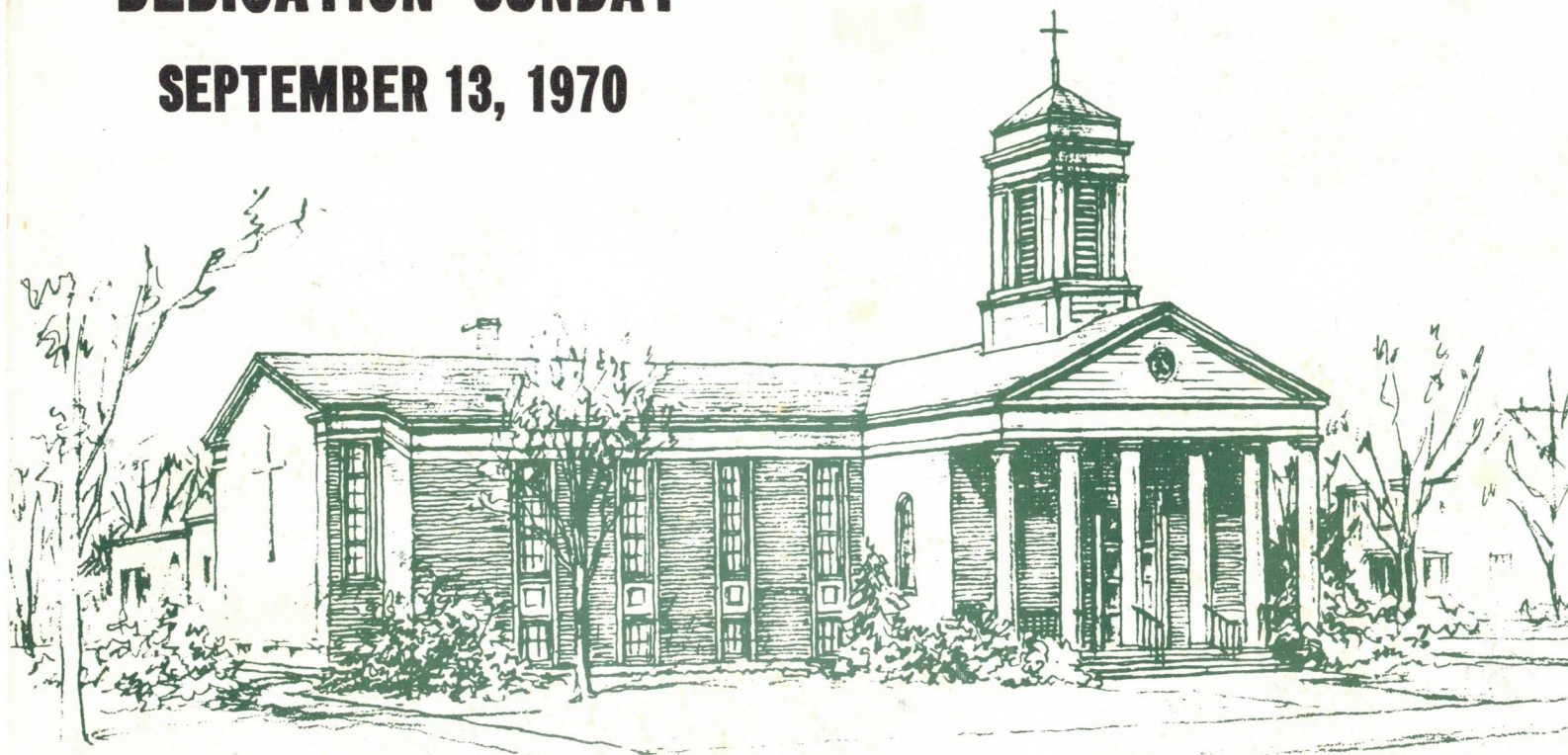


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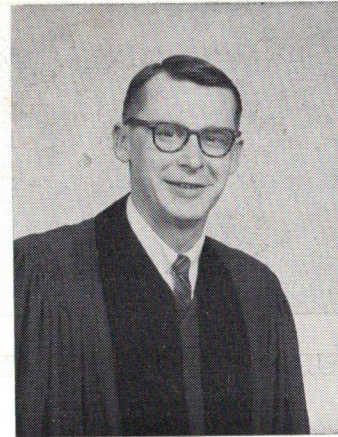


**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST**

*Shelgren, Patterson & Magerl  
Architects*

**Angola, New York**





The Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr.  
Pastor

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends:

What does a pastor write to his congregation when a new church is dedicated? What would you say if you were the pastor? Certainly you would want to thank all the people who made the new building possible. If there had been dissension during the building program, you would attempt to unite the congregation. And probably you would want to challenge the church to look to the future.

I have never had the privilege before of writing a message to a congregation dedicating a new church. As I said the Sunday after the fire, building a new church was not part of the agreement when you called me as your pastor. Now, almost two years later, we dedicate what is the result of the work of many people. Those who have "gone before" inspired us to "keep the faith." Those who follow challenged us to build for the future. Because of the faithful service by members of the Re-Building Committee, Project Executive Committee, Dedication Committee, church members, friends and many others, today we have a beautiful new building to dedicate "to the glory of God." That, after all is said and done, is what this day is all about — "to the glory of God"!

Despite all that is involved in re-building a church, we have been able to continue our ministry in the community. Now, less of our attention is required by re-building and we can expand our ministry even further because of our improved facilities. I know you join me in praising God that a good spirit has prevailed in our fellowship while the re-building has been accomplished. We have God's further promise that

"He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,  
tongues and races."

To God be the glory!

Sincerely, your pastor,  
Raymond L. Morris, Jr.



## THE RE-BUILDING COMMITTEE

First Row: Floyd Hurst; Robert Engler, Vice Chairman; William G. Houston, Chairman

Second Row: Mrs. Albert Greene; Miss Kathleen Nelson, Secretary

Third Row: Gordon C. Found; Robert Allen; The Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr.



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dear members and friends:

Today we see before us the culmination of two years of hard work by the members of the congregation to re-build the church. The Building Committee was happy to have had a large part to play in reaching this day. After our original appointment and organization, we began interviewing various architects. Four firms were contacted, as was a church planning organization with offices in Buffalo. After meeting with representatives of the various architects, we visited 13 churches throughout Western New York. Their locations ranged from Springville to Tonawanda and represented work as completed by the four firms interviewed. Upon returning from our last trip to visit church buildings, we held a meeting to select an architect. Upon the first ballot we came to the unanimous decision to employ the firm of Shelgren, Patterson and Marzec, and thereupon began work with Mr. Alfred Marzec in developing plans for the church building.

Some six or seven plans were drawn and reviewed. Many meetings, some lasting as long as four or five hours, were held prior to presenting proposals to the congregation. Our goal was to retain what had been saved, to make the most of what we had, to up-date what remained and, at the same time, replace the sanctuary which had been destroyed by fire. A survey was conducted whereby members of the congregation had the opportunity to make suggestions. Many of the suggestions were incorporated in the new building. Although finances became a problem, the congregation voted to authorize the construction of the new facilities and authorize the necessary borrowings to complete the project. Several meetings were held after construction began.

The entire Building Committee has found Mr. Alfred Marzec, partner in the firm of Shelgren, Patterson and Marzec, to be most cooperative and interested in our desires and wishes. We feel that he has done an excellent job in coordinating the various contractors and craftsmen. He has also been most attentive relative to the proper selection of materials and colors used throughout the project. The cooperation received from the members of the congregation, the Trustees, the Memorial Committee, the contractors, utility companies, the Village of Angola, and all others associated with the project has been greatly appreciated.

As chairman of the Building Committee, I feel that I should extend a sincere thank you to our committee, which has had almost 100 percent attendance at all meetings, and which has been very representative of the needs and feelings of the congregation. It has been a pleasure working with the committee and an experience which I will long remember.

Very truly yours,  
William G. Houston  
Chairman, Building Committee

## 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

### THE SERVICE AT THE ENTRANCE

*The pastor, with the congregation, shall assemble at the door of the new church. The pastor shall offer prayer:*

O eternal God, who inhabits eternity, and dwells in the heavens, and on earth with those that are of a contrite and humble spirit, we pray, look graciously upon this congregation; let this moment be hallowed for us all, and let us open and enter your house with your divine blessing, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*Then the builder shall hand the keys to the architect. He shall hand the keys to the Chairman of the Building Committee, who shall hand them to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, who shall hand them to the pastor. The pastor shall unlock the doors and say:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Whereas, by the grace of God and his almighty protection we have so far completed this house of God that on this day we are to dedicate it as a memorial to his name, a dwelling place for his honor, a house of prayer for his people, a place, where through word and sacrament, he will record his name and come to us, as he has promised, and bless us; I herewith open the doors of this the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Angola, New York, for the preaching of the Word of God, for the administration and use of the holy sacraments according to the institution of our Lord Jesus Christ, and for offering of God's glorious majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving by word and deed; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*The double-door entrance having been opened by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Building Committee, the pastor and the assembled congregation shall say:*



*Pastor:* Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.

*People:* Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!

*All:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*The pastor and the choirs shall enter the church and withdraw into the narthex while the congregation is seated in the sanctuary.*

## THE SERVICE IN THE CHURCH

THE PRELUDE: "Ire Sanate" . . . . . Felix Borowski

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

(\* Indicates the congregation shall stand.)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

### \*THE ACT OF PRESENTATION

MR. ALFRED S. MARZEC: On behalf of the architectural firm of Shelgren, Patterson and Marzec, Inc., I present to you, Mr. Houston, this completed sanctuary and building for dedication.

MR. WILLIAM G. HOUSTON: On behalf of the Building Committee, I present to the congregation of the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Angola, New York, this sanctuary and building to be dedicated to the glory of Almighty God for the purposes of worship, fellowship, study and service.

### \*THE ACT OF DEDICATION

*Pastor:* Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it is right and proper that the sanctuary and building erected for service in your name be formally and devoutly set apart for their special uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled.

*People:* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate this sanctuary to the worship of God. We dedicate this building to:

- ... the purposes of Christian Education: to the work of the Church School, to the study of the Scriptures, and to the development of Christian character;
- ... to the broadening of mental horizons and the deepening of knowledge that young and old may be awakened and informed;
- ... to Christian fellowship and to re-creation of mind and body;
- ... to those tasks and aims in which the Christian serves his time: to the causes of mission, of Christian citizenship, and the broad field of social relations.

### \*THE ACT OF RE-DEDICATION

*All:* Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in as much as the dedication of this sanctuary and building is vain without the solemn dedication of those whose gifts and labors it represents, we now give ourselves anew to your service: our souls, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ; our bodies that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and our labors and business, that they may be according to God's holy will: and that their fruit may be to the glory of your name and the advancement of your Kingdom. We dedicate ourselves anew to that service of our fellowman wherein can best be performed our true service of God, in obedience to the spirit of the Master when He said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."



## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

ANTHEM: "Amen" . . . . . Jester Hairston  
The Senior Choir — Mr. Donald Guastafarro, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Mr. Francis Nelson  
Joel 2:23-32 — Luke 4:14-24

PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . Mrs. Carl Lehning

ANTHEM: "God's House" . . . . . Lynda Parker Loucks  
The Junior Choir

THE SERMON . . . . . "When Dreams Come True"  
The Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr., Pastor

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY SERVICE

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Bless This House" . . . . . May H. Brahe  
The Senior Choir

\*THE DOXOLOGY (The Communion Elements will be brought forward  
with the Offering by the Robert Engler family.)

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN: (Congregation seated) "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word.
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all. Amen.

### THE COMMUNION SERVICE

THE INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

OFFERING OF THE BREAD

OFFERING OF THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN: . . . . . "We Would Be Building"

1. We would be building; temples still undone  
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely lift,  
Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,  
And hearts creative bridge the human rift.  
We would be building; Master, let thy plan  
Reveal the life that God would give to man.
2. Teach us to build; upon the solid rock  
We set the dream that hardens into deed,  
Ribbed with the steel that time and change doth mock,  
The unfailing purpose of our noblest creed.  
Teach us to build; O Master, lend us sight  
To see the towers gleaming in the light.
3. O keep us building, Master; may our hands  
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come divine commands  
And all the pride of sinful will departs.  
We build with thee, O grant enduring worth  
Until the heavenly kingdom comes on earth. Amen.

### \*THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### \*THE CARILLON POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

Mrs. Albert Greene and Mrs. Charles Winters	Organists
Mr. James Ieda	Choir Director
Mr. Alfred S. Marzec	Designing architect from Shelgren, Patterson and Marzec of Buffalo
Mr. David Hanner	the foreman from Hines & Kirst, Inc. General Contractors
Mr. William G. Houston	Chairman of the Re-Building Committee
Mr. Daniel Decker and Miss Vera McSkimming	Flag Bearers
Miss Patricia Smith	Acolyte



### 3:30 P.M. DEDICATION SERVICE

THE PRELUDE: "In a Great Cathedral" (selections) Thos. Crawford

#### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: . . . "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(\*Indicates congregation shall stand.)

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Crown, him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod; and crown him Lord of all.
3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe; and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe; and crown him Lord of all.
5. O that, with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. Amen.

\*VERSICLE CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . The Rev. R. L. Morris, Jr.

*Pastor:* This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*People:* I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID TO ME  
"LET US GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD!"

*Pastor:* This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven.

*People:* BLESSED BE THE LORD:  
MAY HIS GLORY FILL THE WHOLE EARTH!

THE INVOCATION . . . . The Rev. Worden J. Updyke — Former Pastor

THE COLLECT (In Unison):

O GOD, BY WHOSE PROVIDENCE WE CELEBRATE THE  
DEDICATION OF THIS CHURCH: SEND DOWN UPON US,  
WE BESEECH YOU, YOUR HEAVENLY BLESSING: AND  
BECAUSE HOLINESS BECOMES YOUR HOUSE FOR EVER,  
MAKE US LIVING TEMPLES, HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE  
UNTO YOU: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

ANTHEM: "The Temple of the Lord" . . . . Ellen Jane Lorenz  
The Senior Choir — Mr. Kenneth R. Dorner, — Narrator

RESPONSIVE READING: . . . . The Rev. Roger P. Horton  
Pastor of St. James U.C.C., Hamburg, N. Y.

*Reverend Horton:* Almighty and everlasting God, we rejoice before thee in the  
wondrous providence that has brought us to this day. For the manifold  
blessings thou hast bestowed upon us,

*People:* WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* For Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of the Church, for his life  
which is the light of the world, for his cross by which we are saved,  
for his resurrection whereby we know that life is eternal, for his words  
of truth and for his love by which the ages are redeemed,

*People:* WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* For the Church which our fathers established and nurtured  
with sacrifice and devotion; for the blessed heritage they have given  
to us, their children; for courageous faith, for freedom and enlighten-  
ment and the vision that sees beyond the years,

*People:* WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* For the blessed company of those who have gone before us  
in the way of salvation: for pastors who have served their congregation



with devotion and vision; for men of piety and zeal who have given to the Church the labors of their hearts and hands and minds; for devout and faithful women whose devotion to thy house has made their lives beautiful; for all the sacred and hallowed memories enshrined in this church,

*People:* WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* For the congregation gathered here this day; for the bond of fellowship which is ours in Christ; for the comradeship of labor and service which we enjoy in thy Church; for the union of heart and mind which comes to us as we seek to do thy holy will,

*People:* WE PRAISE THEE, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* Grant that we thy people may be baptized anew this day with the cleansing fire of the Holy Spirit. Kindle in us a vision of thy righteous kingdom. Anoint us with power to do great things for thee. Stir our hearts to serve our generation with truth and love, so that thy kingdom may come and thy will be done.

*People:* HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* We praise thee, O God, for the endless renewal of life. Open our eyes to receive new light, and our ears to hear the voices that are calling us to make the world new by love.

*People:* HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* Grant that thy Church may be delivered from traditions which have lost their life, from usage which has lost its spirit, from institutions which no longer give life and power to their generation; that the Church may ever shine as a light in the world and be as a city set on a hill.

*People:* HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD.

*Reverend Horton:* O eternal God, who didst send thy Holy Spirit upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost, we pray that as thou didst strengthen their hearts with daring and fortitude, so thou wouldst confirm in us their faithful labors, their high vision, their holy purpose. Grant us so to live, that the generations to come may find their memorial not alone in graven tablets, but may read it in the living record of an active faith, an unswerving loyalty to truth, a self-forgetting service of mankind. Be this the gift of thy grace bestowed upon us; be this the memorial of the just, transmitted to their children's children through the long centuries to come: and thine shall be the kingdom and the power and the glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end.

*All:* AMEN.

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI

### \*STATEMENT OF FAITH (In Unison):

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, and to his deeds we testify:

He calls the world into being, creates man in his own image and sets before him the ways of life and death.

He seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

He judges men and nations by his righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to himself.

He bestows upon us his Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the Church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

He calls us into his Church

to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

to be his servants in the service of men,

to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,

to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

to join him in his passion and victory.

He promises to all who trust him

forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

his presence in trial and rejoicing,

and eternal life in his kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS . . . . . The Rev. Carl A. Viehe  
Moderator of the Western Association and  
Pastor of St. Stephen's U.C.C., Amherst, N. Y.

I Corinthians 3:10-23

PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . The Rev. Worden J Updyke



SOLO: . . . "How Lovely are Thy Dwellings" — Mrs. Audrey Holmes

THE SERMON . . . . . New Building! New Life  
The Rev. Jack E. Yates  
The Executive Assistant to the President  
of the United Church of Christ

\*DEDICATION HYMN . . . . "O Thou Whose Hand Hath Brought Us"

1. O Thou, whose hand hath brought us  
Unto this joyful day,  
Accept our glad thanksgiving,  
And listen as we pray;  
And may our preparation  
For this day's service be  
With one accord to offer  
Ourselves, O Lord, to Thee.
2. For this new house we praise Thee,  
Reared at Thine own command,  
For every generous spirit,  
And every willing hand;  
O Lord within this temple,  
Thy glory may we see,  
For all its strength and beauty  
Are nothing without Thee.
3. And oft as here we gather,  
And hearts in worship blend,  
May truth reveal its power,  
And fervent prayer ascend;  
Here may Thy burdened children  
Rise to the things above;  
The young, the old, be strengthened,  
And all men learn Thy love. Amen.

## GREETINGS

Moderator of the Congregation  
Building Committee Chairman  
The Designing Architect  
Moderator of the Association  
Former Pastors  
The Pastor

Mr. Gordon C. Found  
Mr. William G. Houston  
Mr. Alfred S. Marzec  
The Rev. Carl A. Viehe  
The Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr.

## THE OFFERTORY SERVICE

### OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: . . . "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand"  
S. D. Wolff The Senior Choir

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

### \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Offerings	Mr. Robert Braeges
The Building	Mr. William G. Houston
The Sanctuary	Mr. Francis Nelson
The Communion Table & Pulpit	Mrs. Carl Lehning
The Carillon and Organ	Mr. Jack Ehmke
The Church School	Mrs. William G. Houston
The Church Offices	Mr. Richard White

\*THE ACT OF DEDICATION . . . . The Rev. Julius W. Kuck  
Associate Conference Minister of the New York Conf. of the U.C.C.

*Reverend Kuck:* Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the hearts of his people to build this house to the glory of his name. We now dedicate it, and so set it apart for the worship of almighty God and the service of men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly dedicate this place to its proper and sacred uses.

To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by his grace;  
To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;  
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Reverend Kuck:* For the worship of God in prayer and praise;  
For the preaching of the everlasting gospel;  
For the celebration of the holy sacraments;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Reverend Kuck:* For the comfort of all who mourn;  
For strength to those who are tempted;  
For light to those who seek the way;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Reverend Kuck:* For the hallowing of family life;  
For teaching and guiding the young;  
For the perfecting of the saints;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.



*Reverend Kuck:* For the conversion of sinners;  
For the promotion of righteousness;  
For the extension of the kingdom of God;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Reverend Kuck:* In the unity of the faith;  
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;  
In charity and good will to all;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*Reverend Kuck:* In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;  
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;  
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ, our Lord;

*People:* WE DEDICATE THIS HOUSE.

*ALL:* WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, COMPASSED ABOUT WITH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE, SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR FATHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING THAT APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO DEDICATE OURSELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD: THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . . The Rev. Julius W. Kuck

\*THE CLOSING HYMN . . . . "God of Grace and God of Glory"

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On thy people pour thy power;  
Crown thine ancient church's story;  
Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight to set men free.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
That we fail not man nor thee,  
That we fail not man nor thee.

5. Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
Serving thee whom we adore,  
Serving thee whom we adore. Amen.

\*THE BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE — The Rev. Jack E. Yates

\*THE CARILLON POSTLUDE

Mrs. Albert Greene and Mrs. Charles Winters  
Mr. James Ieda  
Mr. David Clark

Organists  
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Acolyte



## 7:30 P.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

THE PRELUDE: "Preludio" (Violin Sonata No. 3) Arcangelo Corelli

PROCESSIONAL HYMN . . . "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"  
(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand.)

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word can-not be broken  
Formed thee for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
2. See, the streams of living waters,  
Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters,  
And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,  
Never fails from age to age.
3. Round each habitation hovering,  
See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering,  
Showing that the Lord is near!  
Thus deriving from their banner  
Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which he gives them when they pray.  
Amen.

\*VERSICLE CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . The Rev. R. L. Morris, Jr.

*Pastor:* Serve the Lord with gladness.

*People:* ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO  
HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.

*Pastor:* O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord  
our Maker

*People:* FOR HE IS OUR GOD, AND WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF HIS  
PASTURE, AND THE SHEEP OF HIS HAND.

THE INVOCATION . . . . The Rev. Donald Anderson  
Pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Farnham, N. Y.

THE COLLECT (In Unison):

O GOD, ETERNAL AND EVER BLESSED, WHO DELIGHTS IN  
THE ASSEMBLING OF YOUR PEOPLE IN THE SANCTUARY:  
HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR THIS HOUSE, WHICH WE WOULD  
DEDICATE HENCEFORTH TO THE HONOR OF YOUR NAME.  
GRANT, WE BESEECH YOU, THAT PEACE AND PROSPERITY  
MAY BE FOUND WITHIN THESE WALLS; THAT YOUR GLORY  
MAY BE THE LIGHT THEREOF, AND THAT WE, AND ALL  
WHO COME WITHIN IT MAY BE SATISFIED WITH THE GOOD-  
NESS OF YOUR HOUSE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.  
AMEN.

ANTHEM: "Christ is Our Cornerstone" W. Glenn Darst  
First Church of Evans Senior Choir

RESPONSIVE READING: . . . . The Rev. A. Walker Hepler  
Pastor of the First Church of Evans, Derby, N.Y.

*Reverend Hepler:* O God, the Father, from whom the whole family  
in heaven and earth is named;  
O God the Son, given to be head over the Church:  
O God the Holy Spirit, the bond of peace;  
O Holy Trinity, eternal love,

*People:* HAVE MERCY UPON US.

*Reverend Hepler:* By thy ministry of healing and forgiveness, by thy seeking  
and saving the lost, by thy words of eternal life,

*People:* HELP US, GOOD LORD.



*Reverend Hepler:* By thy calling and training of the twelve apostles;  
by thy promise to build thy Church by thy institution of the holy  
sacraments,

*People:* HELP US, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* By the love shown in thy crucifixion; by the power of thy  
resurrection; by the glory of thine ascension, and by the indwelling  
of thy Holy Spirit,

*People:* HELP US, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That it may please thee to strengthen and enlarge thy  
holy Church in every land, and to unite all those, who profess and  
call themselves Christians, in faith and hope and charity,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thy Church may strive not for her own safety, but  
for the world's salvation, seeking only thy kingdom and thy righteousness,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thy Church may proclaim the gospel throughout the  
whole earth and make disciples of all nations,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thou wilt grant to all rulers of the Church and ministers  
of thy Word and sacraments the spirit of wisdom, power, and love,  
and call many more to the work of thy ministry.

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thou wilt give to all thy people grace to understand  
and to believe thy Word, and to show forth their faith in their lives,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That we may reverently and rightly use thy sacraments and  
be strengthened in body and soul by thy heavenly grace,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thou wilt remove from us all hatred, prejudice, and  
narrowness of thought; that we may receive and rejoice in all that  
thou revealest,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That thou wilt guide us in all perplexities of belief and  
conduct, that we may hold fast that which is true, and faithfully  
confess thee before men,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* That regardless of the praise or contempt of the world,  
thy Church may worship and adore thee in spirit and in truth,

*People:* WE BESEECH THEE, GOOD LORD.

*Reverend Hepler:* And as we pray for the Church universal, so let us pray  
for God's blessing on the Church in this place: Here may the faithful  
find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

*People:* AMEN.

*Reverend Hepler:* Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be en-  
couraged.

*People:* AMEN.

*Reverend Hepler:* Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort.

*People:* AMEN.

*Reverend Hepler:* Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed.

*People:* AMEN.

*Reverend Hepler:* Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly  
above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh  
in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus unto all  
generations, forever and ever.

*People:* AMEN.

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED: (In Unison)

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 UNDER PONTIUS  
PILATE, WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED, AND BURIED. HE DESCEND-  
ED INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM  
THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, AND SITTETH  
ON 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.



THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS . . . . . The Rev. Robert McNamara  
Pastor of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Farnham, N. Y.

Genesis 28:1-18 — John 4:19-24

PRAYER WITH CHORAL RESPONSE . . . . . The Rev. Richard Kaylor  
Pastor of the Wesleyan Church, Angola, N. Y.

THE HYMN . . . . . "Before the Cross of Jesus"

1. Before the cross of Jesus  
Our lives are judged today;  
The meaning of our eager strife  
Is tested by his Way.  
Across our restless living  
The light streams from his cross,  
And by its clear, revealing beams  
We measure gain and loss.
2. The hopes that lead us onward,  
The fears that hold us back,  
Our will to dare great things for God,  
The courage that we lack,  
The faith we keep in goodness,  
Our love, as low or pure,  
On all, the judgment of the cross  
Falls steady, clear, and sure.
3. Yet humbly, in our striving,  
O God, we face its test.  
We crave the power to do thy will  
With him who did it best.  
On us let now the healing  
Of his great Spirit fall,  
And make us brave and full of joy  
To answer to his call. Amen.

GREETINGS:

Moderator of the Congregation  
President, Lake Shore Clergy Association  
Supervisor of the Town of Evans  
Mayor of the Village of Angola  
The Pastor

Mr. Gordon C. Found  
The Rev. Daniel McGuinn  
Mr. Robert Catalino  
Mr. Donald Carbeck  
The Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr.

## THE OFFERTORY SERVICE

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ANTHEM: "Brother James' Aire" . . . . . Gordon Jacobs  
The First Church of Evans Senior Choir

THE SERMON . . . . . "House of God; Gate of Heaven"  
The Right Reverend Monsignor John Neylon  
Pastor of St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church, North Evans, N. Y.

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison):

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN:  
HOLY BE YOUR NAME,  
YOUR KINGDOM COME,  
YOUR WILL BE DONE,  
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN,  
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
FORGIVE US OUR SINS,  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.  
SAVE US IN THE TIME OF TRIAL,  
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.  
FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER,  
AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.

\*THE CLOSING HYMN: . . . . . "The Church's One Foundation"

1. The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the word;  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.



2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth,  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.
4. Yet she on earth hath union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with thee. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE . . .

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Neylon

THE CARILLON POSTLUDE

Mr. Freeman C. Bell

The Choir

Mr. David Engler

Guest Organist and Choir Director from

The First Church of Evans

The First Church of Evans Senior Choir

Acolyte

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

A warm welcome to all of those worshipping and celebrating this great day with our congregation. All our visitors, guests and friends are asked to please sign the Guest Register located in the narthex near the nursery that we might have a record of those sharing in the joy of this day.

The flowers which grace the sanctuary today are placed in loving memory of our late Pastor Emeritus, the Reverend Joseph Phillips. Reverend Phillips served as our pastor from 1928 until his death, September 30, 1967 at the age of 92.

Tours of the new church are being given by members of the church's Senior Youth Fellowship from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. The tours will begin in the church parlor at the rear of the sanctuary.

The Dedication Dinner will be served in the new church hall in the basement from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Those who cannot be immediately served may take advantage of the tours of the new building given by the young people.

Receptions will be held following the 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. services in the upstairs church hall. Join in this time of refreshment and fellowship.

Rest rooms are located on the main floor and in the basement near the coat racks.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Dedication Committee, together with the pastor, Re-Building Committee, members and officers of the First Congregational United Church of Christ are indebted to many organizations and individuals. For their cooperation and help in our time of need and for their support in the construction of the new church, we are deeply indebted to:

the Angola Masonic Temple for making available their facilities so that we might worship together the Sunday following the fire and until a permanent place of worship was found;

the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic Church for making their school available for the Church School's use from the Sunday following the fire until December 22, 1968, and for the use of the school for our Fall Bazzars of 1968 and 1969;

the Mayme Froehley estate for providing temporary quarters for the church offices;

the First Church of Evans for the use of their sanctuary for weddings and funerals;

to St. Paul's and St. Mark's United Church of Christ of Buffalo for the use of their hymnals;

the New Angola Theatre for providing us with a permanent place to hold services;

Mr. Carl Barrett and Mrs. Charles Winters for the use of the Hammond organ for services at the New Angola Theatre;

Mr. Wilford Clark for donating the labor necessary to install the new heating system in the old church hall;

Mr. Robert Engler for coordinating the painting and cleaning of the building;

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Milliken for donating the invitations to the Dedication services;

Pytlak's Greenhouses for contributing the flowers which grace the sanctuary today;

and many others who have given in many ways to make our Re-Building program a success.

## ONE HUNDRED SEVEN YEARS: 1863 TO 1970

On February 22, 1863, the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Angola was organized — a result of efforts begun in 1857 when pastors held meetings in the school house at Angola, then called Evans Center Station. During the 107 years of the church's existence, much growing, changing, and building has taken place.

In the fall of 1864, the members voted to build a church. Previous to that time, meetings had been held in the hall over the Andrus store, which until about 1905 stood at the corner of what is now High and Commercial Streets. The church building was completed within a year. On November 19, 1865 the church was dedicated. It was a long time until another major building program was undertaken.



Dedicated 1865  
First Congregational Church

At a special Congregational Meeting July 19, 1949 the members awarded a contract for the erection of the church hall. The cornerstone was laid on Sunday, October 16, 1949, following the 11:00 a.m. service. A special Dedication Service for the new church hall was held on February 19, 1950.



The church in 1963

The years from 1950 through 1954 found a busy congregation raising money to finish the interior of the church hall and to redecorate the sanctuary. Plans were undertaken to replace the steeple which had been removed in 1941 because of its unsafe condition. These plans included the construction of a new main entrance with columns. The rededication of the church with its new additions took place November 28, 1954.

During 1963 the interior of the sanctuary was remodeled. It was dedicated June 30, 1963 in preparation for the Centennial Celebration October 3-6, 1963.



Friday, October 11, 1968 is a day which will long be remembered by the congregation. On this night a fire completely destroyed the sanctuary. Through the kindness of community leaders, the Sunday following the fire, and for many succeeding weeks, services were held at the Angola Masonic Temple and Church School at the Most Precious Blood Roman Catholic School. The church offices were moved into the home of the late Mrs. Mayme Froehley the day after the fire and remained there until December of 1968. In November, the members began worshipping at the New Angola Theatre. Services continued there until last Sunday. Just before Christmas of 1968, the church hall, which escaped the ravages of the fire, was ready to be used by the Church School, offices, and for meetings.

On November 3, 1968, the congregation voted to re-build the church. A Re-Building Committee was appointed to study the problem and submit plans to the congregation. The architectural firm of Shelgren, Patterson and Marzec was employed on February 2, 1969.

March 20, 1969, a Project Executive Committee was appointed to raise funds for the new building and on June 8th a successful Fund Raising Campaign was held. All things were then ready for the start of construction. An excited membership held Ground Breaking Ceremonies on Sunday, September 7, 1969,



The sanctuary after the fire  
October 11, 1968

following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Work progressed slowly during the fall and winter months until the cornerstone was laid on Sunday, April 26, 1970.

DEDICATION SUNDAY is today, Sunday, September 13, 1970. For almost two years we have been waiting, working, dreaming and praying about this day. Today is the first time in twenty-three months the congregation has worshipped in its own sanctuary. What a great feeling it is to be "home" again!

Most of what we dedicate today is new, although some things were saved from the fire and are incorporated into the new building. The most evident is the front entrance with its columns. This section was not severely damaged by the fire and its re-use was a main consideration in the re-building plans. The exterior of the church is faced with red brick to match this unit.

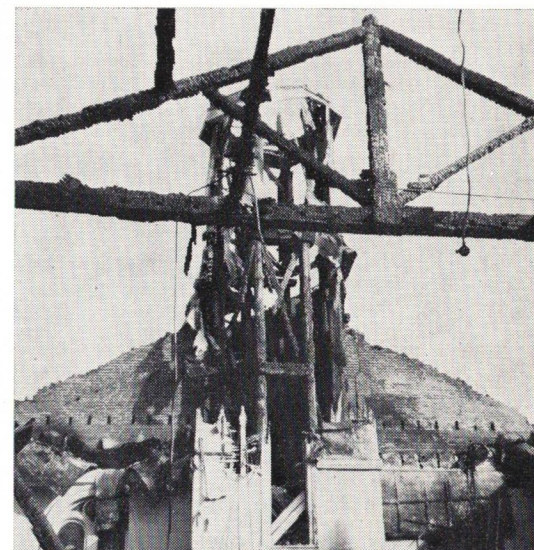
The bell which sits on the cement pedestal near the driveway rang every Sunday calling our members to worship. During the fire, the intense heat caused the bell to crack making it no longer useable. It rests in front of the church as a memorial to services of the past.

Two of the stained glass windows that were at the rear of the old sanctuary were not damaged and were removed before demolition. They have been placed so that they color the sunlight as it shines into the chancel.

The Carillon is being played again today for the first time since it was silenced by the fire. New speakers had to be purchased for the tower and were provided by the Memorial Committee.

The fact that this church, organized February 22, 1863, is still in operation is a living testimonial to the success of the venture. The fire which destroyed the old church was a terrible catastrophe, but through our loss we have gained new spirit, life, and faith.

At this time, we have a God-given opportunity to make a new history. Under the capable leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Raymond L. Morris, Jr., our chosen officers, and with God's help, we hope to make the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Angola a vital living force in our community.



The church and steeple after the fire  
October 11, 1968



Angola, New York 14006  
September 13, 1970

Dear friends,

Here we are at last — Dedication Sunday. For many it seemed as though it would never come. Today as we look at our beautiful new building we know that the sometimes endless wait was worth-while. "Thank you" does not adequately convey the congregation's gratitude to the Building Committee for the excellent job done in planning the new sanctuary and building.

The members of the Dedication Committee have been honored in being selected to coordinate this most important day in the life of our congregation. We hope that our plans are pleasing to all: members, friends, young and old.

As Chairman I would like to thank my committee members for their hard work and cooperation. I would also thank all the church boards, the choirs, the youth, members and friends for their suggestions and help not only in planning but for their help today. I am especially grateful to Pastor Morris for all the guidance given me and the committee.

As a congregation we have reached the end of a road, a road of re-building our church. Now we stand at the beginning of a new road. Where that road will lead is up to us. Let us strive to follow that road toward better service of God and our fellow man.

Most sincerely,  
Kenneth R. Dorner  
Chairman, Dedication Committee

## RE-BUILDING PROJECT

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(\*Deacon Emeriti)

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Mrs. Carl Lehning / Mrs. Norman Smith

***“O Lord,  
I love the beauty  
of Your house,  
the place  
where Your glory dwells.”***

**Psalm 26:8**