

Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

May 15, 1966



BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH
WARREN, PENNSYLVANIA

Rev. J. Theodore Johnson, Interim Pastor

Organist: Miss Linnea Scott Pianist: Miss Loretta Fredrickson

Choir Director: Rev. Franklin Hagberg

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rev. Sheldon M. Anderson Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
Pastor, Covenant Church



Sunday Services

Church School 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship 11:00 O'clock

Vesper Service at 4:30 P. M.

Fellowship Hour Following

SUNDAY, MAY FIFTEENTH

Church School 9:45 A. M.

Miss Carol Swanson, Superintendent

Morning Worship — Eleven O'Clock

"O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy; yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O my God."

ORGAN PRELUDE "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor" *Bach*

*HYMN 27 "What Joy There is in Coming" *Runeberg*

*INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME AND CHURCH CALENDAR Pastor J. Theodore Johnson

SPECIAL NUMBER Rev. and Mrs. J. Helmer Lundgren
Jamestown, N. Y.

RESPONSIVE READING NO. 79

ORGAN CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER Pastor J. Theodore Johnson

ORGAN RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SPECIAL NUMBER Rev. and Mrs. J. Helmer Lundgren

HYMN 23 "Great Hills May Tremble" *Sandell*

SERMON Rev. Sheldon M. Anderson
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

*HYMN 246 "The Sign of the Cross" *Ahnfelt*

BENEDICTION AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Fantasia in C Minor" *Bach*

* Congregation Standing

SUNDAY, MAY FIFTEENTH

Vesper Service — Four Thirty O'Clock

- ORGAN AND PIANO PRELUDE "Sheep May Safely Graze" *Bach*
Jon Erickson at the Piano
- *HYMN 66 "Our Mighty God Works Mighty Wonders" *Swedish Folk Medley*
- INVOCATION Pastor J. Theodore Johnson
- CHOIR ANTHEM "Great is the Lord" *Herbert*
- SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER Rev. Harry Swanson
Middle East Conference Superintendent
- *HYMN 326 "Great is Thy Faithfulness" *Runyan*
- GREETINGS FROM FORMER PASTORS
- SOLO Mrs. Carl Fredeen
Jamestown, N. Y.
- GREETINGS FROM FORMER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
- ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Seek Ye The Lord" *Roberts*
- *HYMN 437 "Lead On, O King Eternal" *Smart*
- BENEDICTION
- ORGAN POSTLUDE "Allegro Vivace" (Water Music Suite) *Handel*
- * Congregation Standing

Fellowship Hour in Church Vestry following the vespers

BETHLEHEM COVENANT CHURCH OFFICERS — 1966

- Chairman David Anderson
- Vice Chairman Philip Johnson
- Recording Secretary Mrs. Albert Seymour
- Vice Recording Secretary Mrs. Clair Reynolds
- Financial Secretary Mrs. Florence Swanson
- Treasurer Miss Evalyn Carlson
- Deacons Robert V. Johnson, Philip John, Emil Erickson
- Deaconesses Mrs. Robert V. Johnson, Mrs. Ralph Johnson, Mrs. Jon Erickson
- Trustees Albert Seymour, John Johnson, Ralph Johnson,
Clair Reynolds, Jon Erickson
- Sunday School Superintendent Carol Swanson

A BRIEF CHURCH HISTORY

1891 — 1966

Today we are assembled in a building which is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary as a house of worship. Erected in 1866 by the Presbyterians, it served them for some 32 years. Under the guidance and zeal of Rev. Frank Nelson, the Swedish Congregational Church (as we were then known) purchased this building from the Presbyterians for the sum of \$5,000. It must have been a singularly joyous day for our Scandinavian forbears when they took this giant step of faith. According to earlier records, they had rented several buildings and halls in which to hold services, leaving each as their numbers outgrew their accommodations. The charter members were few in number — William Lindell, Amanda Lindell, Carl Boberg, Christina Boberg, Swan Pearson, Ida Pearson, N. G. Hoagvall and Ebba Carlson — but their vision and dedication were in a large measure responsible for the precious heritage we enjoy today. It was in their hearts that the infant church was born on June 23, 1891, and lovingly nurtured in their homes for some years until a public place of worship could be obtained. Records do not indicate the length of time served by Pastors Dillner, Staff, Dahlgren, B. O. Johnson, Marcelius and A. C. Carlson, but from all indications this period was marked by spiritual and numerical growth.

Who can measure the value of a dedicated pastor? We have been blessed with some of God's finest, and for each one we are humbly grateful.

Frank Nelson	1901-1906	Erick Dahlhielm	1942-1943 (Interim)
J. A. Isaacson	1906-1912	P. E. Landerdahl	1943-1946
N. J. Wessel	1912-1918	David A. E. Carlson	1947-1953
A. G. Eklund	1918-1921	P. J. Peterson	1953-1961
J. H. Lundgren	1921-1928	C. J. Fredeen	1961-1962 (Interim)
C. H. Peterson	1928-1934	F. J. Hagberg	1962-1965
J. C. Bengtson	1935-1942	J. T. Johnson	1966- (Interim)

Four of our number have answered God's call to the ministry. Raymond Swanson was summoned to higher service in the midst of preparation. Sheldon Anderson is serving as pastor of the Cuyahoga Falls Covenant Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; Daniel Anderson is the pastor of the Miami Covenant Church, Miami, Florida, and Harry Swanson has just recently assumed the position of Middle East Conference Superintendent.