

Opening Services



Sundays, November 6th and 13th, 1927
and Monday Evening November 7th



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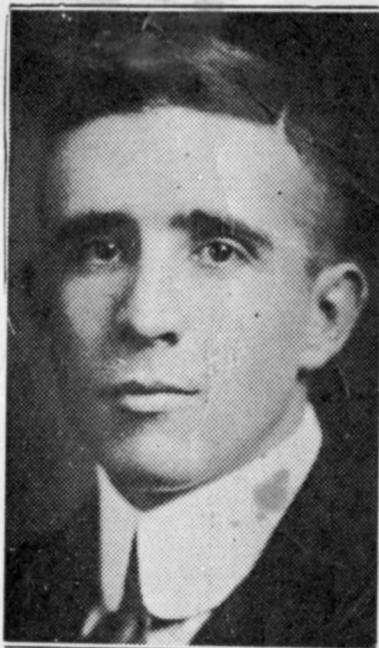
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"How amiable are thy tabernacles,
O Lord of Hosts, My soul longeth,
yea, even fainteth for the courts of
the Lord: My heart and my flesh
crieth out for the living God."

"For a day in thy courts is bet-
ter than a thousand. I had rather
be a door-keeper in the house of
my God than to dwell in the tents
of wickedness."

"O Lord of Hosts, blessed is the
man that trusteth in Thee."

"Christ loved the church and gave
himself for it, that he might sanc-
tify and cleanse it with the washing
of water by the word, that he might
present it to himself a glorious
church, not having spot, or wrinkle,
or any such thing; but that it should
be holy and without blemish."



Rev. J. M. Colling, Minister

Sunday, Novemder 6th

10.30 a.m.—Morning service conducted by the minister, Rev. J. M. Colling.

Scripture Lesson:—Psalm 48; Isaiah 52.

Praise: 74, 531, 254.

Sermon Subject: "The Church's Beautiful Garments."

We welcome some new Communicants into our church membership this morning

Sunday Afternoon

2.45 p.m.—Rev. Robert Hicks, President London Conference will officially dedicate the church edifice.

Scripture Lesson—Zechariah 2.

Sermon Subject—"Building the City of God."

Hymn 295

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.

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.

'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 blessed
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Hymn 300

I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy Church O God;
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thine hand.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Hymn 297

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God:
He whose word cannot 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 mayst smile at all thy foes.

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.

The Dedication

Dearly Beloved:—The Scriptures teach us that God is well pleased with those who build temples to His name. We have heard how He filled the temple of Solomon with His glory, and how in the second temple, He manifested Himself still more gloriously. Let us not doubt that He will approve our dedicating this house for the performance of the several offices of religious worship; and let us now devoutly join in praise to Almighty God that this godly undertaking hath been so far completed; and in prayer for His further blessing upon all who have been engaged therein, and upon all who shall hereafter worship in this place.

PSALM 122

To be Read Responsively

1. I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.
2. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together.
4. Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
5. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.
7. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.
8. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good.

Then let the Members of the Session, the Board of Stewards, and the Trustees, stand before the Ministers and one of them shall say:

We present unto you this building, to be dedicated as a Church for the worship and service of Almighty God.

The Declaration

Dearly Beloved:—It is meet and right, as we learn from the Holy Scriptures, that houses erected for the public worship of God should be specially set apart and dedicated to religious uses. For such a dedication we are now assembled. With gratitude, therefore to Almighty God, who has signally blessed His servants in their holy undertaking to erect this Church, we dedicate it to His service, for the reading of the Holy Scriptures, the preaching of the Word of God, the administration of the Holy Sacraments, and for all other exercises of religious worship and service, according to the rules and regulations of the United Church of Canada. And, as this consecration is vain without the solemn consecration of the worshipers also, I now call upon you all to dedicate yourselves anew to the service of God. To Him let our souls be dedicated, that they may be renewed after the image of Christ. To Him let our bodies be dedicated, that they may be fit temples for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. To Him let our labours and business be dedicated, that their fruit may tend to the glory of His Great Name, and to the advancement of His kingdom. And that He may graciously accept this our solemn act, let us pray.

(The Prayer of Dedication)

We are looking forward to receiving a generous offering at each service to-day.

Sunday Evening, November 6th

7.30 p.m.—Rev. Robert Hicks will preach.

Scripture Lesson—John 9:1-12.

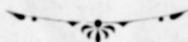
Sermon Subject—"A Three-fold Imperative."

Praise: 87, 595, 553.



Sunday, November 13th

The opening services will be continued with services at 11.15 a.m., and 7.30 p.m. Rev. J. W. Hibbert, of Wellington Street United Church, London, will preach at both services. We are looking forward to another season of blessing next Sunday. At all these services, special music will be presented by our choir.



Monday Evening, November 7th

(THANKSGIVING DAY)

The ladies of the church will serve a hot chicken supper in the closed shed, to be followed by an inspiring program by the James Street United Church Orchestra of 17 pieces under Mr. Roy Goulding. Vocal as well as instrumental numbers will be given. Also brief addresses from visiting ministers. Admission: Adults 50c, Children 25c.



The members of the Young People's Society of our church are selling red or blue book-marks as souvenirs of the opening of the new church. These cost only 10 cents each. Secure one and help the Young People in their splendid work.



MINISTER—Rev. J. M. Colling

SESSION

Stephen Webb, John Love, Clerk; John Gill, Wm. Patterson
J. W. Holt, Thos. Love

TRUSTEES

Andrew Turnbull, Aaron Ireland, Isaac Bestard, Jr.

BOARD OF STEWARDS

Albert Morenz, Joseph Oliver, W. J. Lovie, T. Sherritt, John Eagleson,
Arthur Baker, Thos. Love, Treas.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Minister, John Love, Thos. Webb, Stephen Webb, Thos. Love,
John Gill, Andrew Turnbull

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minister, Aaron Ireland, Lloyd Taylor, Isaac Bestard, Jr.;
Ed. Gill, Wm. Baker, W. E. Turnbull