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The 250th Anniversary



of the
Reformed Protestant
Dutch Congregation
of
Bergen in New Jersey

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The
Two Hundredth and Fiftieth
Anniversary

of the Founding of

The
Reformed Protestant Dutch
Congregation

of Bergen in New Jersey

Commonly known
as the
Bergen Reformed Church
of Jersey City

Sundays, October sixteenth and twenty-
third and Monday, October seventeenth
One thousand nine hundred and ten

Historical Note



THE Dutch congregation in Bergen is first mentioned in a letter by Governor Stuyvesant to the Directors of the Dutch West India Company, dated October 6, 1660. The Governor asks for preachers for the newly planted villages of about thirty families across the North River who are deprived of religious service. "Necessity therefore requires that two pious and learned candidates be sent over." A subscription for the support of a minister in Bergen is on file in the Archives in Albany, dated 1662. The minister, however, did not arrive. Documentary evidence shows that Englebert Steenhuysen began his service as voorleser and school master some time during the early part of the same year. The first list of members of the Church, a photograph of which appears on the next page, is dated 1664. It is evidently a copy from an earlier document. After Steenhuysen resigned the following voorlesers served the Church:

From 1667 to 1707, Reynier Van Giesen.

From 1708 to 1736, Adrian Vermeulen.

From 1736 to 1761, P. Benthuyzen, who was succeeded by the last voorleser, Abraham Sickels.

Peter DeWint was on the ground in 1750 preaching to the satisfaction of the people, both on Sundays and Wednesdays, but there was a flaw in the regularity of his ordination and he was compelled to retire. In 1753 William Jackson, a theological student, was called to be pastor, jointly, of Bergen and Staten Island. He sailed for Holland to study in the University of Utrecht and returned after an absence of four years, having meanwhile been ordained by the Classis of Amsterdam. On May 26, 1793, the Rev. John Cornelison became the second pastor of the Church and continued in office until his death in 1828. In the same year the Rev. Benjamin C. Taylor, D.D., began his long and faithful service of fifty-four years. Until 1871 he continued in the active pastorate, when his infirmities compelled him to retire. He was made pastor emeritus and continued to reside in the neighborhood until 1881, when he was translated. The Rev. James L. Amerman, D.D., was installed a few months after the retirement of Dr. Taylor. In 1876 he was appointed Professor of Theology in the seminary at Tokio, Japan. His college classmate, the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D., succeeded him in August, 1876, and still continues in the pastorate. For more than two years the Rev. William V. D. Strong served as assistant pastor. In January, 1908, the Rev. John J. Moment was installed as associate pastor and still continues in the service.

First Roll of Members

III. REGISTER der LEDEMATEN

Behoorende tot de kerke van Bergen.

N^o. 1664.

Manspersonen.

Nicolaes Verloot. Overleden.
Tielman van Vleek. Overleden.
Adolf Hardoubroeck. Vertrocken.
Feynics van Giesou.
Douwou Hermanzou.
Engelboits Stounguisso. Overleden.
Bartol loth. Vertrocken.
Wiggert Kouwertzou. Overleden.
Gaub Widdonsz.

Vrouwen-Personen

Anna Stuyvesant. Vertrocken.
Magdalen van Vleek. Vertrocken.
Maritje Hardoubroeck. Vertrocken.
Dirckje Cornelis.
Dirckje Thonins.
Jannetje Stoujmit. Overleden.
Anna Claes. Overleden.
Adriantje Walings. Overleden.
Lysbets Dirck. Overleden.
Gonnie Hondrick.
Maritje Adriant, G. v. Thoma's f. d. u. z. z. z.

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Our Old Churches



First Church, Erected 1680



Second Church, Erected 1773

The Stones of Zion

*These stones form part of the south wall of the present Church
They are directly over the entrance to the basement*



Present Consistory



Pastor

REV. CORNELIUS BRETT, D.D.

Associate Pastor

REV. JOHN J. MOMENT

Elders

Thomas P. King
John P. Landrine
Calvin F. Kyte, M.D.
Joel W. Brown
John J. Toffey
Elijah S. Cowles

Deacons

Robert A. Alberts
Erskine B. Mayo
Samuel Drayton
William H. Brennesholtz
Charles M. Dubbs
Benjamin Taylor Van Alen

Committee on Celebration

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D., *Chairman*

Rev. John J. Moment
Elijah S. Cowles

Thomas P. King
Robert A. Alberts

Commemorative Service

Sunday morning, October sixteenth at eleven o'clock



Order of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE—"Offertoire Ste Cecile"

Batiste

PROCESSIONAL—Hymn No. 776, *Aurelia*

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER

SALUTATION

ANTHEM—"Praise the Lord"

Randagger

READING OF THE LAW

KYRIE

PSALM—No. 84

GLORIA PATRI

FIRST LESSON—Deuteronomy, 8 : 1 - 10

ANTHEM—Festival Te Deum in Eb

Dudley Buck

SECOND LESSON—Ephesians 4 : 11 - 16

HYMN—No. 126, *St. Ann's*

PRAYER—by the Rev. James L. Amerman, D.D., the only surviving
ex-pastor of the Church

SANCTUS

HYMN—No. 514, *Holland*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A THANK OFFERING FOR 250 YEARS OF CHURCH LIFE

OFFERTORY—Organ, "Berceuse"

R. Kinder

DOXOLOGY—Congregation

SOLO—"The Lord is my Light"

Marsh

Mrs. Lederhaus

HISTORICAL SERMON—by the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D.

HYMN—No. 897, *America*

POSTLUDE—"Tocata, D minor"

Bach

Sunday afternoon, October sixteenth at four o'clock
A Service in the language of the Fatherland



Orde van dienst

Predikant, REV. NICHOLAS BOER

ORGELSPEL

ZINGEN — Psalm 49 : 1

VOORGEBED

LEZEN VAN DE WET DES HEEREN

LEZEN DER HEILIGE SCHRIFT, Filippensen 2

ZINGEN — Psalm 79 : 2

VOORAFSPRAAK

GEBED

ZINGEN — Psalm 89 : 1 en 2

PREDIKATIE

NAGEBED

ZINGEN — Psalm 66 : 3

UITSPREKEN VAN DEN ZEGEN

Sunday evening, October sixteenth

at seven forty-five

ORGAN PRELUDE — “ Festival March ” in D *Smart*

PROCESSIONAL — Hymn No. 692, *Austria*

INVOCATION

LORD’S PRAYER (Chanted)

PSALMS — 99 and 100

GLORIA PATRI

ADDRESS — by the Rev. James L. Amerman, D.D., only surviving
ex-pastor of the Bergen Reformed Church

ANTHEM — Recessional (Kipling) *DeKoven*

ADDRESS — by the Rev. Edward B. Coe, senior pastor of the Col-
legiate Reformed Dutch Church of New York

ANTHEM — “ Light of Light ” *Le June*

ADDRESS — by the Rev. Edgar Tilton, D.D., pastor of the Church of
Harlem, which was also organized in 1660

ADDRESS — by the Rev. Frederick J. Berg, D.D., pastor of the
Church of Port Richmond, S. I., which was associated
with the Church of Bergen during the first pastorate

OFFERTORY — Organ, “ Tromrei ” *Schumann*

HYMN — No. 781, *Sarum*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — “ Allelujah ” *Loret*

Choir

MRS. MARIE S. LEDERHAUS, Soprano MRS. G. R. IRVING, Contralto

ERNEST A. BURKHARDT, Tenor ALBERT A. WIEDERHOLD, Bass

CHORUS OF 30 VOICES

HARRIS G. CRAWFORD, Organist and Musical Director

Monday evening, October seventeenth

at eight o'clock

*Service commemorating 250 years of religious life and
organization in Hudson County, New Jersey*

PRELUDE — “ Festival March ” *Stewart*

ANTHEM — “ Father of Light ” *Sullivan*

INVOCATION

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN — No. 560, *Caldwell*

ADDRESSES — Rev. Jaspar S. Hogan, representing the Reformed
Church in America

Rev. G. W. Smith, D.D., presiding elder of the Jersey
City district, representing the Methodist Episcopal
Church

Rev. Charles Herr, D.D., representing the Presbyterian
Church

Rev. J. Madison Hare, representing the Baptist
Churches

SOLO

ADDRESSES — Rev. E. L. Stoddard, D.D., representing the Protestant
Episcopal Church

Reading of a letter from the Rt. Rev. J. J. O'Connor,
Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Newark

Rev. Arney S. Biddle, D.D., LL.D., representing the
United Presbyterian Church

HYMN — No. 797, *Dort*

ADDRESSES — Rev. John L. Scudder, representing the Congregational
Churches

Rev. John E. Heindel, representing the Evangelical
Lutheran Church

Rev. Rabbi J. L. Goetz, representing the Hebrew
Synagogues

HYMN — No. 770, *Dennis*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — “ Festival March ” *Calkin*

Sunday morning, October twenty-third at eleven o'clock

Celebration of the Children of the Church
“The children crying in the Temple and saying
‘Hosanna to the Son of David’ ”

Service for the Children of the Sunday Schools

PRELUDE — Commemoration March *Clark*
PROCESSIONAL — “Hark to the Sound of Voices”
INVOCATION
LORD’S PRAYER
RESPONSIVE READING — Psalm 24
SCRIPTURE LESSON — Deuteronomy 30 : 15 — 31 : 13
HYMN — No. 692, *Austria*
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN
PRAYER
HYMN — by the Kindergarten Department
HYMN — by the Primary Department
HYMN — by the Children’s Home
ANNOUNCEMENTS
OFFERTORY — “Hymn of Nuns” *Wely*
CHOIR — “The Lord is Exalted” *West*
ADDRESS — by Dr. Brett
HYMN — by the Schools — “God of our Fathers”
ADDRESS — by Mr. Moment
HYMN — No. 899, *America*
BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE — “Cornelius March” *Mendelssohn*

Sunday evening, October twenty-third

at seven forty-five

Closing Service of the Celebration

PRELUDE — “ Offertoire in D \flat ”	<i>Salome</i>
PROCESSIONAL — Hymn No. 981	<i>Alford</i>
INVOCATION	
LORD’S PRAYER (Chanted)	
SALUTATION	
ANTHEM — “ The Lord is my Light ”	<i>Parker</i>
PSALM 47	
GLORIA PATRI	
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — Micah 4 : 1-5	
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — Mark 4 : 26-32	
HYMN No. 698 — Ein’ Feste Burg	
PRAYER	
HYMN No. 355, <i>Ellers</i>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
OFFERTORY — Patsorale (1st Sonata)	<i>Guilmant</i>
QUARTET — “ Fear not, O Israel ”	<i>Spicker</i>
SERMON — by Rev. J. J. Moment — “ A Look Forward ”	
HYMN — No. 335, Diademata No. 2	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE — in D	<i>Tours</i>