The
250th Anniversary

of the
Reformed Protestant
Dutch Congregation

of
Bergen in New Jersey
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
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, 1666. 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 Steenhuyzen 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 Steenhuyzen 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. Benthuysen, 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, 1763, 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
Beevoordte tot de kerk te Bergen.

A. 1664.
Mans-personen.

Nicolaas Verlott. Overleden.
Teylman van Steck. Overleden.
Adolf Sardonbroek. Vertrokken.
Bijsnuijs van Gistert.
Boijsen Bermandzoon.
Engelsboort Steunwijk. Overleden.
Pachtol Loth. Vertrokken.
Wijgert Kuyvenbroek. Overleden.
Saunders Kedworts.
van Nooijes-Rasouen.

Anna Stuyvendaal. Vertrokken.
Magdalena van Vloek. Vertrokken.
Marites Sardonbroek. Vertrokken.
Witkje Cornolz.
Witte Jo Thonnig.

Jannetje Stuyvint. Overleden.
Anna Claas. Overleden.
Ariansjo Walding. Overleden.
Lybyckt Ieper. Overleden.
Goorck Houmswe.
Marini d'Adriand, b.v. Thomas Froondez.
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.

Kerk Gebouwd In
Het Koor 1680: Het
Pouw Inhet Koor 1775
& J.S. H.
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

\[\text{Thomas P. King}\]

\[\text{Robert A. Alberts}\]
Commemorative Service
Sunday morning, October sixteenth at eleven o’clock

Order of Service

Organ Prelude — “Offertoire Ste Cecile”  
Procesional — Hymn No. 776, Aurelia
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer
Salutation
Anthem — “Praise the Lord”  
Reading of the Law
Kyrie
Psalm — No. 84
Gloria Patri
First Lesson — Deuteronomy, 8:1-10
Anthem — Festival Te Deum in Eb
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”  
Doxology — Congregation
Solo — “The Lord is my Light”  
Historical Sermon — by the Rev. Cornelius Brett, D.D.
Hymn — No. 897, America
Postlude — “Tocata, D minor”  
Batiste
Randagger
Dudley Buck
R. Kinder
Marsh
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

Voorafspreek

Gebet

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

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)

Address — by the Rev. Edward B. Coe, senior pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church of New York

Anthem — “Light of Light”

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”

Hymn — No. 781, Sarum

Benediction

Postlude — “Alleluiah”

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

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”

Choir — “The Lord is Exalted”

Address — by Dr. Brett

Hymn — by the Schools — “God of our Fathers”

Address — by Mr. Moment

Hymn — No. 899, America

Benediction

Postlude — “Cornelius March”

Clark

Wely

West

Mendelssohn
Sunday evening, October twenty-third
at seven forty-five

Closing Service of the Celebration

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Prelude — “Offertoire in Db”  
Processional — Hymn No. 981  
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer (Chanted)
Salutation
Anthem — “The Lord is my Light”  
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, Ellers
Announcements
Offertory — Patsorale (1st Sonata)  
Quartet — “Fear not, O Israel”  
Sermon — by Rev. J. J. Moment — “A Look Forward”
Hymn — No. 335, Diademata No. 2
Benediction
Postlude — in D  

Salome
Alford
Parker
Guilmant
Spicker
Tours