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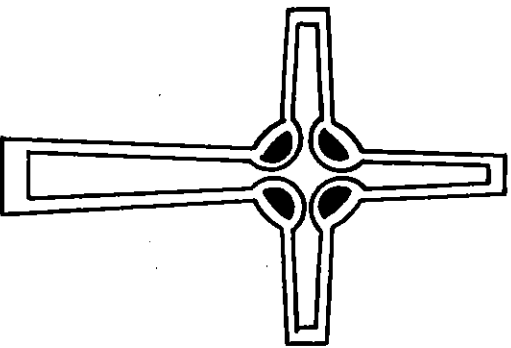
*"God of grace and glory
On thy people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story;
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
FOR THE FACING OF THIS HOUR."*

A BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE

McELROY MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Associate Reformed Synod
3593 Clairmont Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

1946 - 1975



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*The congregation gratefully dedicates this historical booklet
in honor of Mrs. W. C. (Helene) Weatherly,
who served the church most faithfully
as church secretary for a number of years.*

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On September 10, 1946, the Reverend Mr. W. P. Grier, Jr., Pastor of the Doraville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, wrote the Reverend Mr. T. H. McDill, Jr., Pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, referring to the possibility of a new church in a community where 1,000 homes were being built. He stated that lots for three churches had been reserved and that it would be a fine time for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to establish a new congregation in the metropolitan area of Atlanta. He suggested that their congregations share in this endeavor and buy the chapel at Lawson Hospital, which was going to be sold. Mr. Grier promised to investigate the prospects from every angle and have it ready to present to Second Presbytery with the hope that the Presbytery pay one-third of the cost.

On September 12, 1946, the Reverend Mr. T. H. McDill, Jr., answered Mr. Grier's letter in which he stated that he was very much interested in the project. But, because of a heavy debt and a desire to purchase more property for the First Church, Atlanta, he could not speak for the people and felt just a bit pessimistic about it.

At the meeting of the Second Presbytery at Doraville, Georgia, October, 1946, the project of the new church was presented. A tour of the community by the Presbytery convinced them of the need for a church. The action of the Presbytery was for the Doraville and First Church, Atlanta congregations to proceed with the development of the mission church. They appointed the following committee: FIRST CHURCH, ATLANTA: The Rev. Mr. T. H. McDill, Jr., Grier Martin, D. G. Chesnut and Roy Cowan; DORAVILLE CHURCH: The Rev. Mr. W. P. Grier, Jr., J. D. Chesnut, J. N. Cowan and Mr. R. I. McElroy. The committee met in the Doraville Manse about the first of November, 1946. The meeting was called to order by the Reverend Mr. W. P. Grier, Jr. After much prayer, the committee decided to go to the Candler Road section to seek a suitable location for the church. Their decision was to get a desirable location fronting on Candler Road, now known as Dresden Drive. This responsibility was placed in the hands of one of the members of the committee. On November 14, 1946, the Reverend Mr. Grier wrote once again to the Reverend Mr. McDill that he had written the Secretary of the Home Mission Board and advised them what had been done. He also noted that he had received a very favorable reply with some offers as to what they could do to help with the work.

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After some months a lot was promised by Mr. D. L. Stokes, the developer of the adjoining property, on Candler Road. The committee was called together on the side of the road in front of the proposed lot. There, prayers were offered for God's guidance and the committee decided to accept the lot for the future church. This was in April, 1948 and it was only a few days before Second Presbytery and the General Synod were to meet. At this point the committee felt it had done all it could as a committee, therefore, decided to disband giving Mr. Martin the authority to present the lot and projected goals to the Home Board at the meeting of the General Synod.

Some weeks after the meeting of the General Synod, members of the Home Board visited the field for a first-hand view of the proposed property and to see the need for a new church in the Candler Road area. They were favorably impressed with the need of, as well as the opportunity to build a new Congregation.

On November 5, 1948 the Reverend Dr. J. P. Pressly, Secretary of Home Missions of the Second Presbytery, appointed the following men as a sponsoring committee for the new church: FIRST CHURCH, ATLANTA: The Rev. Mr. T. H. McDill, Jr., Mr. Grier Martin, and Mr. Walter S. Brooks; DORAVILLE CHURCH: Mr. C. R. Younts, Mr. D. G. Chesnut and Mr. R. I. McElroy.

The Home Board asked the First Church, Atlanta to be the sponsoring church. They enthusiastically agreed.

The sponsoring committee was called to meet at McElroy's Super Market in Brookhaven, Georgia, on November 12, 1948, at 7:30 p.m. This was the first meeting of the Committee. The minutes show the Home Board's agreements. The chairman of the Home Board, the Reverend Mr. C. O. Williams, was at the meeting. The Committee pledged and paid a total of \$2,600 towards the building of the new church plant. The next day a young lady, who became a charter member, emptied her tin box into the treasury of the church. Arrangements with the Reverend Mr. C. O. Williams were made in order that he could become the mission developer.

The Reverend Mr. C. O. Williams moved to Candler Road in December, 1948, with mud literally all around his new home. The manse, brought by the church was located at 2208 Candler Road. Both he and his wife met the conditions with a sweet smile and a good spirit. They went to Florida for a short vacation while the church was under construction. This building was erected in January, 1949. The building cost approximately \$3,000. Chairs and a piano were purchased for an approximate cost of \$600.00. Mr. R. I. McElroy was in charge of the building program and oversaw the construction. The construction was done by the men of the Church — the responsibility of getting the grounds ready were placed in the hands of Mr. Dave Chesnut. Mr. J. H. Chesnut and Mr. R. J. Hudson purchased the chairs and piano.

On January 30, 1949, the first service was held in the new structure. It was a cold, wet day, but a good crowd totaling 110 was present for the occasion.

The Candler Road Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was organized on February 13, 1949, and named as such because of its location on Candler Road. The Reverend Mr. T. H. McDill, Jr., who was the pastor of the First Church, Atlanta, led the service and delivered the sermon based on Matthew 16: 16. The Reverend Mr. E. Gettys, Pastor of the Doraville Church, read the Scripture Lesson and delivered the prayer. The Choir of the First Church, Atlanta lead the congregation in the worship of God through the singing of two anthems. There were about 135 present for the service. Thirty-four individuals came forth at the service or at a later date to form the charter membership.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS

- 1. Mr. J. H. Chesnut
- 2. Mrs. J. H. Chesnut
- 3. Mrs. Lonnie Holbrook
- 4. Mr. Lonnie Holbrook
- 5. Mr. Hub Huddleston
- 6. Mrs. Hub Huddleston*
- 7. Miss Betty McElroy
- 8. Mrs. J. R. Lowery
- 9. Mrs. R. I. McElroy
- 10. Mr. R. I. McElroy
- 11. Mr. R. W. McElroy
- 12. Mrs. R. W. McElroy
- 13. Mr. B. C. Phagan
- 14. Mrs. B. C. Phagan
- 15. Mrs. J. A. Powell
- 16. Mr. J. A. Powell
- 17. Mr. W. T. Powell
- 18. Mrs. W. T. Powell
- 19. Mr. C. H. Peek
- 20. Mr. D. G. Chesnut
- 21. John David Chesnut
- 22. Mrs. J. W. McElroy
- 23. Mrs. W. D. Montgomery
- 24. Mrs. R. W. Webb*
- 25. Mr. R. J. Hudson
- 26. Mrs. R. J. Hudson
- 27. Mr. M. E. Sherer
- 28. Mrs. M. E. Sherer
- 29. Miss Anita Powell
- 30. Mrs. C. O. Williams
- 31. Mr. R. P. Dodson
- 32. Mrs. R. P. Dodson*
- 33. Mr. R. B. Strong
- 34. Mrs. R. B. Strong

*Living Continuous Member

The first Session was composed of the following: D. G. Chesnut, R. I. McElroy, R. J. Hudson, and C. H. Peek. The rotary system was adopted. They were installed on March 20, 1949.

All of the original elders have now passed on. R. I. McElroy departed in April, 1951. R. J. Hudson and his wife returned to the First Church, Atlanta in October, 1954, and he has since been called home. C. H. Peek and his family moved to Florida and he has since been called home. D. G. Chesnut departed this life in March, 1967.

The first Board of Deacons consisted of: J. H. Chesnut, R. W. McElroy, B. C. Phagan, Lonnie Holbrook, W. T. Powell, and M. E. Sherer. The installation service was held on March 20, 1949. The rotary system was also adopted.

Of the original Board of Deacons three have entered into life eternal. They are J. H. Chesnut, W. T. Powell, and R. W. McElroy.

The Woman's Society was organized on February 14, 1949. The following officers were elected: Mrs. R. I. McElroy, President; Mrs. W. T. Powell, Vice President; Mrs. Hub Huddleston, Secretary; and Mrs. M. E. Sherer, Treasurer. The following Cause Secretaries were elected: Mrs. J. A. Powell, Literature and Christian Education; Mrs. L. D. Travis, Junior and Intermediate; Mrs. R. J. Hudson, Home Missions; Mrs. J. H. Chesnut (Rebecca) Foreign Missions; Mrs. M. E. Sherer, Dunlap Orphanage; Mrs. Lonnie Holbrook, Thank Offering; Mrs. W. D. Montgomery, White Cross; Mrs. C. O. Williams, Stewardship and Spiritual Life; Mrs. R. P. Dodson, Temperance.

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Membership of
The Woman's Society

- Mrs. R. J. Allen
- Mrs. Estelle Baxter
- Mrs. H. M. Bracewell
- Mrs. J. H. Chesnut
- Mrs. L. M. Corbin
- Mrs. R. P. Dodson
- Mrs. Lonnie Holbrook
- Mrs. Hub Huddleston
- Mrs. R. J. Hudson
- Mrs. R. I. McElroy
- Mrs. W. D. Montgomery
- Mrs. W. T. Powell
- Mrs. M. E. Sherer
- Mrs. R. B. Strong
- Mrs. L. D. Travis
- Mrs. C. O. Williams

On April 13, 1949, the congregation held its first family night supper. The Woman's Society took over the responsibilities for the preparation and serving of the meal.

The first Life Membership in the Woman's Society was given to Mrs. Fannie McElroy, who was the oldest member of the new congregation. The first pancake and sausage breakfast was held on Thanksgiving Day, 1950. This started a tradition that is still very much alive within the church.

The first wedding was that of Miss Anita Powell and Mr. Gordon Morris. Mrs. C. J. Vanderverter assisted with the piano for several months in the beginning.

On April 22, 1951, the congregation was greatly saddened by the death of Mr. R. I. McElroy. He had been instrumental in the establishment of the congregation.

The Reverend Mr. C. O. Williams accepted a call to the Highland Heights A.R.P. Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and departed the work at Candler Road on June 24, 1951.

Dr. E. E. Strong, a retired Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister served the congregation as stated supply until December 30, 1951. At the time Dr. Strong was residing in Doraville, Georgia. On that date the Reverend Mr. J. G. Brawley was sent by the Home Mission Board. His

ministry lasted only two months due to his health. Once again Dr. E. E. Strong assumed the position of stated supply. He served faithfully until June 1, 1952. On that date Mr. Harold S. Mace, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary became the leader of the flock as a student minister. Under his ministry the Church began to regain the ground lost during the time it was without a regular pastor and to move forward once again. A steady growth in membership was experienced. This brought about a new hope and a greater zeal in the congregation.

In 1949, the Session of the First Church, Atlanta granted permission for the Candler Road Church to plan and to conduct its activity independently. Steps were immediately taken to initiate a program to erect a new church building, but for the next two years the work was retarded by disappointments and frustrations. Little progress was made. Under the leadership of Mr. Mace, a congregational meeting was held on August 31, 1952, and it was voted to revive the building plans. These out of necessity had been dormant for over a year.

On September 7, 1952, the congregation elected a Building and Finance Committee. They were: BUILDING COMMITTEE: R. B. Strong, Chairman; Mrs. R. I. McElroy, L. D. Travis, Mrs. R. J. Hudson, B. C. Campbell, W. C. Weatherly, Mrs. J. H. (Rebecca) Chesnut, C. A. Daniel, F. M. McCullough. FINANCE COMMITTEE: R. J. Hudson, Chairman; R. P. Dodson, J. H. Chesnut, Mrs. H. M. Bracewell, Mrs. Hub Huddleston, Mrs. W. C. Weatherly, Mrs. R. W. Webb, Mrs. L. D. Travis, Mrs. F. M. McCullough, P. S. Mims, and H. F. Allen.

The Committees went to work. They soon contacted Mrs. R. I. McElroy concerning the property on Clairmont Road. It had been a dream of her husband that a new church would be built on this site. The Home Mission Board promised \$15,000.00 and the Woman's Society pledged a total of \$5,000.00.

Mr. H. A. Rawlins was employed as the architect and on March 1, 1953, the congregation approved the plans for a new building. It was also voted to change the name of the new church from Candler Road to McElroy Memorial as a tribute to the memory of Mr. R. I. McElroy.

The Board of Trustees were elected by the congregation on May 24, 1953. It consisted of L. D. Travis, D. G. Chesnut, and J. R. Howell. L. D. Travis was elected the first chairman by the Board.

The Trustees signed the contract for the new building on July 8, 1953. The contractor was Mark Smith, Jr. The total cost of the new building was \$55,218.00.

On July 12, 1953, Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held at the site on Clairmont Road. Mr. R. B. Strong turned the first spade of earth. Over 100 persons were present.

On October 11, 1953, a congregational meeting was held to discuss the future pastorate of the congregation. It was unanimously voted that a Call be placed into the hands of Mr. H. S. Mace when he completed his work at the Columbia Theological Seminary. This he expected to do in

January, 1954. As a result of this action, Mr. Mace joined the Doraville Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was accepted as a student under the care of Second Presbyterian at its meeting in Augusta, Georgia, on October 21, 1953. Previously he had been a member of the Mecklenberg Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S.

Work progressed on the new building and the cornerstone was laid on December 6, 1953. It was a day of great rejoicing. Up to this point, a total of 140 members had been received into the church. Twenty-five of these had departed in various ways leaving 115 on the church roll.

On August 4, 1954, the building was ready for occupancy. The Reverend Mr. J. P. Pressly, minister of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Due West, South Carolina, preached the Consecration Sermon. He was assisted by the Reverend Mr. F. Y. Pressly, the Reverend Mr. H. T. Schure, and the Reverend Mr. J. W. Everett.

The main floor consisted of the sanctuary seating a total of 225, pastor's study, choir loft, a Church School room, narthex and stair wells in the front and rear of the building. The basement contained a 22-by-50-foot Fellowship Hall, four Church School rooms, kitchen, furnace room and rest rooms. The building had rheostat lighting, forced air cooling, and separate heating for top and bottom floors. One of the members, Mr. R. G. Jolly, a retired railroad engineer, obtained as a donation from the President of the Central of Georgia Railroad, the bell from one of the retired steam locomotives. The bell was mounted in the steeple.

When financial plans for the building of the new church were made, there had been no provisions for furnishings. The Woman's Society obligated themselves for this and with the help of God, by donations, and projects, raised the funds necessary for this to be undertaken. Small brass name plaques were placed on the pews and pulpit furniture for those who gave them as memorials. The pulpit furniture, the desk, two side chairs and center chair, were given in honor of an elder, and one of the founding fathers. Mr. D. G. Chesnut was fondly known as Uncle Dave by the membership and a fitting memorial it was for him. Communion table and fourteen pews were given by the Woman's Society. Five pews were given in memory of the following: Mrs. Clara Reediger, Mr. Homer Greer, The Reverend Mr. F. M. McCullough, Sr., Mr. Charles Weatherly, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Strong. Pews were given in honor of Mr. J. W. Coggins and Mr. R. J. Hudson. A pew was also given by our first pastor and his wife, the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Williams. The work on landscaping the church grounds was handled by the men of the church as the necessary funds became available.

It became apparent almost immediately that more Church School rooms were required. In October, 1955, the congregation voted to provide the additional space needed by erecting an addition to the main structure. Committees were appointed and the work progressed. The Albert W. Kreuger Educational Unit was consecrated on July 29, 1956. The building was financed in part by Mr. Harry A. Kreuger and dedicated in honor of his father.

Simultaneous with the completion of the new church building, Mr. Harold S. Mace completed his work at Columbia Theological Seminary. A Call was presented to Mr. Mace. This was moderated by the Reverend Mr. Frank Y. Pressly, who at that time, was serving as stated supply at the First Church, Tucker, Georgia. He was on furlough from the Mission Field in Pakistan. On April 4, 1954, at a called meeting of the Second Presbytery, Mr. Mace was ordained in the church that had been built under his leadership as a student pastor. In this year the church became self-supporting and Mr. Mace became the first installed pastor of the congregation. All the others, until now, had been sent by the Board of Home Missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Mr. Mace continued as pastor until November 11, 1956, at which time he accepted a Call to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, York, South Carolina.

For the next seven months, the pulpit was supplied by various ministers. The Reverend Mr. Earle Barron, Jr., who was teaching at the Westminster Schools in Atlanta, preached for us for a substantial part of this seven-months interim. He was most effective in helping hold the congregation together.

The Reverend Mr. Kenneth Craig accepted a Call and was installed as pastor on June 23, 1957. His ministry continued until December 31, 1960, when he accepted a Call to Inman Park Presbyterian Church, U. S. in Atlanta. Under his forceful preaching and diligent pastoral efforts, the church experienced a revival of activity and growth.

For the next two and one half years, the church did not have an installed pastor, but was served by a number of supply pastors. Those serving the longest tenures were the Reverend Mr. Joseph Lee, a Military Chaplain who was Stated Supply from August, 1961, to February, 1962. At that time he entered the military service, and the Reverend Mr. O. Z. White served as Stated Supply from April to September, 1962. During this time the Pulpit Committee searched tirelessly for a minister to serve the church. They were unsuccessful. Through the efforts of the Reverend Dr. T. B. McBride, Professor of Preaching at Erskine Theological Seminary, the Church obtained as a Stated Supply, the Reverend Mr. W. Jack Bunkley. He was a Baptist minister who, at that time, was taking work at Erskine Seminary, and who desired affiliation with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He assumed the pastorate on June 2, 1963, and enrolled at Columbia Theological Seminary. Upon completion of his work there, he was received into the Second Presbytery, and accepted a Call to McElroy Church in October, 1967.

In 1960 the congregation became aware that a new manse was needed. Proper committees were appointed to locate a new location to be within a two-mile radius of the church. Property, with a building under construction, was located at 1768 Clairmont Way. The old manse was sold, the property on Clairmont Way purchased and the house completed and made ready for occupancy. This purchase was made in April, 1963.

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During the month of August, 1968, the Reverend Mr. Bunkley resigned to take up the work at a Presbyterian Church in Liberty, South Carolina. The Reverend Mr. J. Melvin England, minister in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. and working as Assistant District Attorney for Fulton County, served very effectively as stated supply from September 1, 1968, to August 31, 1969.

The Reverend Mr. Richard B. Leaptrott accepted a Call from the congregation and took up the work on September 1, 1969.

Under the leadership of Rev. Mr. Leaptrott the Church became alive with a new spirit and new interest and the congregation began again to believe in the future of the church. Mr. Leaptrott served for a short period of time, leaving on November 2, 1970, to become the pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Statesville, North Carolina. Once again the Reverend J. Melvin England supplied the pulpit and served as stated supply from November 9, 1970, to June 1, 1971.

On June 7, 1971, the Reverend Mr. Thomas Grier Long, a graduate of Erskine Theological Seminary of the Class of '71, accepted a Call and took up the work. He served most effectively until September, 1973, when he resigned to enter graduate work at Princeton Theological Seminary in order to prepare himself for a professorship at Erskine Theological Seminary.

The church progressed under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Long, and the congregation voted to stay in the present location. A Church Improvement program was initiated. A new heating system was installed, air conditioning put in the Sanctuary, the pulpit furniture reupholstered, windows draped and center isle carpeted.

The shopping center volunteered parking space; this enabled the church to put in new landscaping. A Community Sunrise Service was held Easter morning of 1972 in the parking lot. McElroy Memorial Presbyterian, Clairmont Baptist and the Skyland United Methodist Churches united in this service. The Sunrise Service was so successful that it has been suggested that this be made an annual observance.

Following the pastorate of the Reverend Mr. Long, the pulpit was supplied by various ministers for a short time. Then the services of the Reverend Mr. J. Melvin England were secured. He served most capably again through May, 1974.

On June 1, 1974, the Reverend Mr. Robert Welsh Ackerman accepted a Call to become the minister of the Church. The Rev. Mr. Ackerman came to McElroy Memorial from the Grace Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he had served for three years. Mr. Ackerman is a graduate of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary, Due West, South Carolina, and has done additional graduate work at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Virginia.

During the first few months of his ministry the Fellowship Hall and adjoining classrooms were painted and new tile installed on the floors. The Woman's Society took on the responsibilities for the window treatment. The committee from the Woman's Society was composed of Mrs. U. V. Sauls, Jr., Chairman; Mrs. F. M. McCullough, Mrs. Vance N. Bates. On August 25, 1974, the Reverend Mr. Ackerman was officially installed as the eighth minister of the Church. The Commission from Second Presbytery consisted of the Reverend Mr. Lee P. Kennerly, minister of the White Oak Church, Moreland, Georgia; the Reverend Mr. Vernon F. Latham, minister of the First Church, Tucker and ruling elder A. W. Harvey of the Hopewell Church, Covington, Georgia. Mr. Kennerly presided and delivered the evening sermon entitled, "Word Alive". Mr. Latham charged the Minister and Mr. Harvey charged the Congregation. The Woman's Society had a reception in honor of Mr. Ackerman following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

In September, 1975, the Friendship Club was organized under the leadership of Mrs. R. W. Webb. This club is composed of the senior citizens of the Congregation. The group enjoys a monthly fellowship together with planned activities. The highlight of Christmas, 1974, was the hanging of the Chrismos on the tree placed in the sanctuary. These Christian symbols were made and explained by the group to the Congregation in the Festival of Christmas Service. Mrs. H. O. White was elected the first President of the Club.

Presently the Session consists of:

Robert W. Ackerman — Moderator
Vance N. Bates — Clerk

1975	H. F. Allen	W. P. Horton	Vance N. Bates	J. W. Bristow
	C. J. Adams	A. C. McGill	H. W. Price	F. M. McCullough

Presently the Diaconate consists of:

1975	L. F. Polstra	Mrs. U. V. Sauls, Jr.	J. D. Treadway
	J. R. Howell	R. L. English	J. C. Deloney
	W. D. Austin	J. W. Bond	L. W. Prevatt

Through the years the congregation has sponsored a Boy Scout troop and a weekday kindergarten. The weekday kindergarten is one of the outstanding outreaches of the church. Mrs. Uiva G. Moore is presently the Director.

No doubt much more could have been written about the life and witness of McElroy Memorial Church, but any written work cannot contain the influence she has had on the lives of those who have come under her influence. The Church looks to the future and sees even a greater witness to her Lord as she proclaims the truth of the Gospel.

MEMORIAL SYNOD

Rev. O. Williams
 Rev. S. Stiles
 Rev. Kenneth F. Craig
 Rev. Jack Buckley

Rev. R. B. Johnson
 Rev. Thomas G. Long
 Rev. Robert W. Ackerman
 Rev. Tony Grant

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rev. Clyde T. McCants
 Mrs. Harriet Leafie
 Mrs. H. E. White

Supply Pastor
 Director of Music
 Secretary

The Staff

Harry F. Allen
 Charles J. Adams

Vice Moderator
 Clerk

B. F. Gourley
 Arthur J. Grant
 Barry P. Shildneck, III
 Kenneth Weira

The Disciples

Joseph C. Daloney
 Paul E. Gourley
 U. V. Sauls, Jr.
 Mrs. U. V. Sauls, Jr.
 Webb Vermilya

Chairman

Francis M. McOutlough
 Mrs. S. F. Warlick
 Barry P. Shildneck, III

Congregational Officers

Chairman
 Vice Chairman
 Treasurer

Charles J. Adams

Robert W. Webb
 The Woman's Society

Kenneth Weira

Mrs. U. V. Sauls, Jr.
 Mrs. S. F. Warlick
 Mrs. D. C. Wallace

The Men's Club

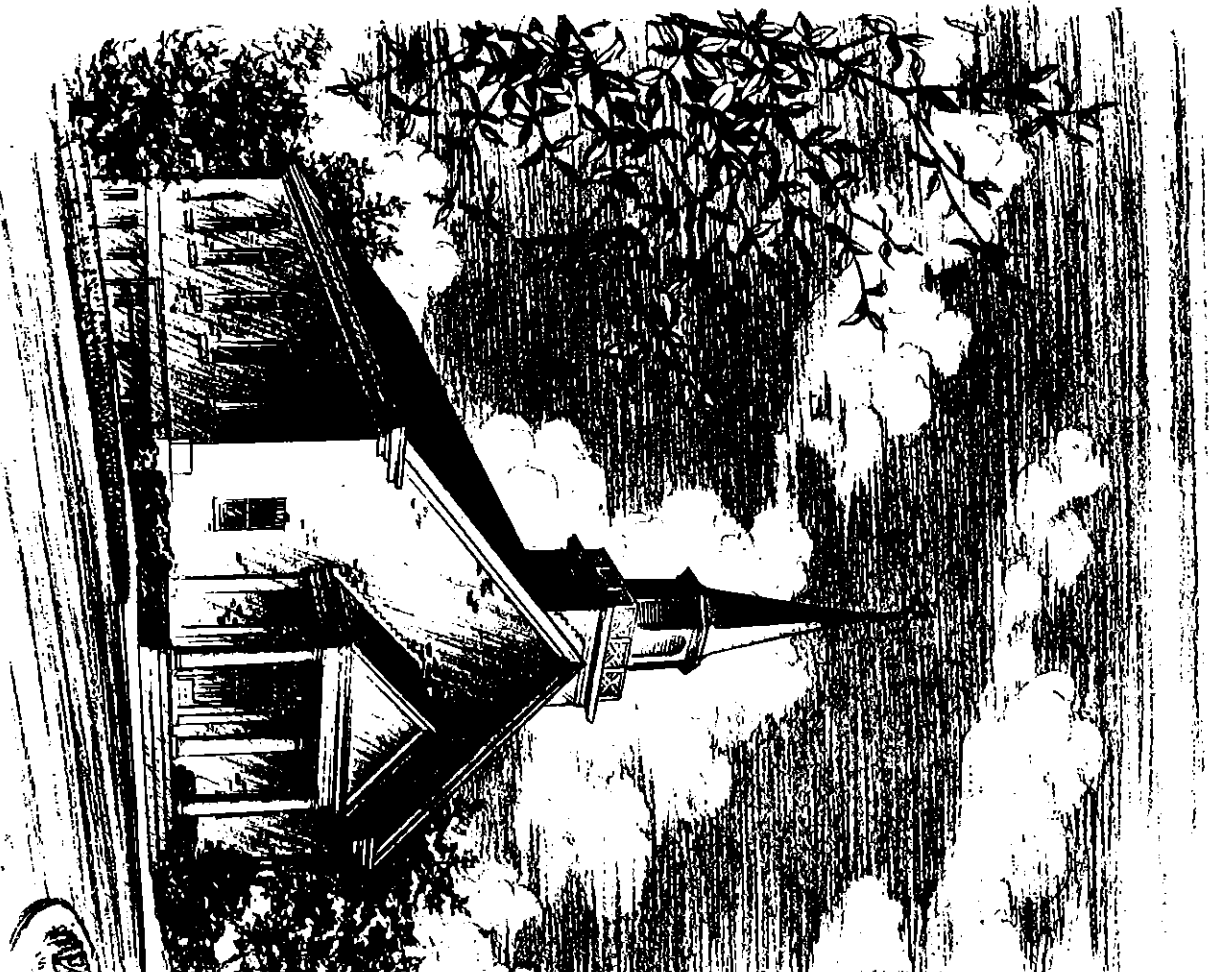
Kenneth Weira
 Harry F. Allen
 Vance N. Bates

President
 Vice President
 Secretary/Treasurer

Active Charter Members

Mrs. B. P. Dodson

Mrs. Robert W. Webb



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ORGAN PRELUDE "Chorale Prelude" Willan

*HYMN No. 26 "O Worship The King All Glorious Above"

*Call to Worship The Minister

*Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

ANTHEM "Forgive Us Lord" Haydn
The Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving Francis McCullough

SOLO "Calvary" Rodney
Lamar Elder

Scripture Lesson Hebrews 11:32-40, 12:1-2

*Hymn No. 352 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

SERMON "Onward and Upward" Rev. Harold Mace

Affirmation of Faith Page 12 Hymnbook

The Gloria Patri

DECLARATION OF DISSOLUTION OF CONGREGATION

Second Presbytery Commission

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING Robert Webb

Benediction

Organ Postlude "Psalm 19" Marcello

*Congregation standing.

Leader: O God, Our God,
For the life shared in this congregation over the last years,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the hours of study and worship and the deep joy of true fellowship,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For children who were baptized here, who grew in body, mind, and spirit, and went out to be Thy people in the world.

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For families who found in the church another home and who brought the blessing of diversity to the congregation,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the faith and loyalty of the aging, whose lives were continuing testimony to Thy grade,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For friends and friendship in the bonds of Christian love;

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the faithful, faith-filled work of pastors and leaders, officers, teachers, musicians, all servants of one another and of Thee,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the struggle of building, for the strengthening of differences and disagreements, for the hard times of working together to find common goals,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the unnumbered hours of service and witness to the young and the old, the ill, bereaved, frightened, and suffering,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the countless prayers of the church in joy and sorrow, in happy days and sad,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For the praise of the church in Psalms and hymns and anthems,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which has drawn us together and which will hold us together eternally as members of Thy family,

People: We give Thee thanks;

Leader: For our Saviour, Whom we honor and glorify and in Whom we have abundant, unending life,

People: We praise Thee and give Thee thanks, In His name, Amen.

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A Brief History
of the Mc Elroy
Memorial
Presbyterian
Church - 1946-
1975
By Mrs.
W. C. Weatherly

Doraville A.R. Presbyterian Church &
First Church, Atlanta help to
start the mission at Mc Elroy
Memorial Presbyterian Church,
in 1946.

(Do we need more information?)