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# St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

NELSON, B. C.

Twenty-fifth

# Anniversary

NOVEMBER 5-12, 1916

SPECIAL SERVICES

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

PRESENT ORGANIZATION

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ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NELSON, B. C.

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## Special Services

COMMEMORATING THE

# Twenty-fifth Anniversary

OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONDUCTED BY

**Rev. John Mackay, D. D.**

Principal of Westminster Hall, Vancouver  
Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

11 a.m.—Morning Service

2.30 p.m.—Sabbath School

7.30 p.m.—Evening Service

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

A SOCIAL GATHERING will be held in the basement.

All members, adherents and friends are invited.

Principal Mackay will deliver an address.

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## Week Night Services

- INSPIRATIONAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- QUICKENING
- EVANGELISTIC

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
Evenings at 8 o'clock.

## Men's Supper

All men of the congregation are invited to  
meet Principal Mackay at supper

THURSDAY EVENING, NOV. 9TH, AT 6 O'CLOCK  
in the Basement.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

11 a.m.—Special Communion Service

7.30 p.m.—Closing Service of Anniversary Series



## Historical Sketch

With the discovery of the Silver King Mine and the construction of the Columbia and Kootenay Railway, Nelson, one of its terminal points, came into prominence, and with characteristic zeal the Presbyterian church arose to meet the needs of this important pioneer field.

Although a student missionary sent in by the Presbytery of Calgary was the first to come to the work, the honor of establishing the congregation falls to Rev. Thomas H. Rogers, B.A. who had just been graduated from Knox College, Toronto, and who reached Nelson to take up his duties on May 24th, 1891. Recognising the necessity of a centre from which to organise the forces, he rallied a corps of volunteer workers, who with enthusiasm, erected a temporary building on Baker Street, on the site now occupied by the Canadian Explosives, Limited. That this building related itself to the conditions of the new community, and filled a large place in its life is apparent from the fact that it was also used as a Union Church, Public School, Public Hall, Reading Room and Social Centre.

In less than three months the congregation was organised with a Session of two elders—D. C. McMorris and John Reith—and a Board of Managers of four members—D. C. McMorris, Dr. E. C. Arthur, D. McCallum and John Robson—choosing the name: First Presbyterian Church of Nelson.

The young and enterprising congregation at once approached the Provincial Government with a view

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to securing lots for the erection of a permanent church. In this they were successful, the site at the corner of Victoria and Kootenay Streets having been donated for this purpose. Before the close of the year 1891 a contract for the erection of the building was entered into and early in June of the following year the church was dedicated, Rev. Dr. J. C. Herdman officiating.

The next two years proved to be trying ones for the new cause, which was ably guided through the difficulties by Mr. Rogers, and became a power for righteousness and social betterment.

Mr. Rogers resigned in October, 1893, and was followed by Rev. W. Black. The period of commercial depression, which at this time settled upon the country, was seriously felt in the Nelson district, and the church suffered proportionately. After a ministry of one year Mr. Black was succeeded by a student missionary, D. Campbell, who piloted the church through the crisis, increasing its strength and usefulness.

During the ministry of A. McVicar, who came after Mr. Campbell, the congregation became a self-sustaining charge, and was granted permission by Presbytery to moderate in a call. In 1897 Rev. R. Frew was formally inducted as pastor, remaining in charge until 1901.

In 1900 the name of the congregation was changed to that by which it is now known, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. In January, 1901, Mr. Frew was granted leave of absence on account of ill-health, and Rev. Peter Wright was secured as stated supply. At the end of this time Mr. Frew resigned, and Mr.

Wright was regularly called and inducted as minister, remaining until November, 1903.

After a vacancy of four and one-half months Rev. J. T. Ferguson was selected as pastor, and was inducted in April, 1904. Recognising his scholarly attainments and missionary activity during his pastorate at St. Paul's, which extended over seven years, Manitoba College conferred upon Mr. Ferguson the degree of Doctor of Divinity, and after his resignation in 1911 he was appointed district superintendent of Home Missions.

During the pastorate of Rev. E. S. Logie, who succeeded Dr. Ferguson, and remained pastor for three years, the congregation moved to the present church edifice, formerly held by the Congregational Union, on the corner of Stanley and Silica Streets, the building being completely remodelled and enlarged in 1912. This step was undertaken by the congregation under the strong representations of the pastor that the spiritual growth of the church demanded larger and more adequate equipment.

In January, 1915, a call was extended to Rev. R. Van Munster, M.A., B.D., during whose brief ministry of only ten months a new spirit was permeating the life of the congregation, and encouraging progress was made. The various departments were organised on new lines, and the outlook for a strong forward movement was most promising, when Mr. Van Munster was stricken with pneumonia, and his death on January 30th, 1916, caused intense grief in the congregation, and the sense of deep loss throughout the city and district.

Immediate steps were taken to fill the vacancy, and the present minister, Rev. C. M. Wright, B.A.,

was inducted on April 28th, 1916. At the present time a thorough organisation of all departments of church life is being carried forward along lines approved by the most effective leaders of today. All effort is centred in the spiritual growth and uplift of the congregation and of the city, while the world outlook is constantly kept in view.

Thus from small beginnings in this quarter of a century the Presbyterian Church of Nelson has striven to fulfil its mission, alike in times of prosperity and of depression, keeping pace with the growth of the community, and ever reaching forward to realise the nobler ideals. Despite all human shortcomings and weaknesses, the influence exerted by the Christian forces focussed in her organisation has been very great and the results far reaching.

At the beginning of another era of its history, fully recognising the burden of responsibility, the heritage of the past, the demands of the present and the challenge of the future, the congregation goes forward with humility, in the earnest hope that her contribution through life and sacrifice may count for the upbuilding of strong Christian graces and healthy enduring citizenship in that Kingdom which abides.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith Jehovah of Hosts."



## ORGANIZATION FOR 1916

### SESSION

*Meets on the First Thursday at 9 p.m.*

C. M. Wright, B.A., Moderator

D. C. McMorris, Clerk	H. E. Dill
S. Barton	M. Gibbs
W. R. Blanchard	J. Johnstone
H. L. Dawes	A. G. Shaw

### BOARD OF MANAGERS

*Meets on the Second Monday at 8 p.m.*

J. R. Hunter, Chairman

W. S. Stanley, Secretary

F. C. Ingram	A. Leith	A. Carrie
F. R. McCharles	A. L. McCulloch	R. F. Irwin
G. G. McLaren	T. D. Stark	A. E. Jones
W. S. Stanley	Robb Sutherland	M. Gibbs
W. Wilson	C. M. Young	J. R. Hunter

H. E. Dill, Treasurer

D. C. McMorris, Miss. Treas. and Envelope Secy.

A. E. Jones, Asst. Envelope Secy.

### LADIES' AID

*Meets on the Second Monday at 3 p.m.*

Hon. President :	Mrs. C. M. Wright
President :	Mrs. H. E. Dill
Vice-President :	Mrs. F. C. Ingram
Secretary :	Mrs. C. H. Bean
Treasurer :	Mrs. N. Murphy

### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

*Meets on the Fourth Monday at 3 p.m.*

President :	Mrs. M. Gibbs
1st Vice-Pres :	Mrs. H. McKenzie
2nd Vice-Pres :	Mrs. John Richardson
Secretary :	Mrs. A. J. Dill
Treasurer :	Mrs. Hugh Ross



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Meets every Sunday at 2.30 p.m.*

Teachers' Meeting First Friday at 7.30 p.m.

Superintendent: R. Smillie  
Asst. " C. S. Morris  
Secretary: R. B. Morris  
Treasurer: Miss McInnes  
Cradle Roll Supt: Mrs. R. A. Peebles

## CHOIR

*Practice every Friday at 8 p.m.*

Organist: F. Warner Smith  
*On leave of absence as Bandmaster 225th Battalion, C.E.F.*  
Organist pro tem: S. Fawcett  
Secretary: R. F. Irwin  
Treasurer: H. Wallach

## YOUNG LADIES' CLUB

*Meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m.*

President: Miss Dockendorf  
Vice-President: Miss M. Will  
Sec.-Treas.: Miss S. E. McClure  
Pianist: Miss Simmons  
Conveners: Misses Will, Gairns, McCallum and Bailey

## GOOD CHEER CLUB

Girls 13 to 18

*Meets every Tuesday at 4.15 p.m.*

## BUSY BEES

Girls 10 to 13

*Meets every Friday at 4.30 p.m.*

## BOYS' BRIGADE

*Meets every Friday at 7.30 p.m.*



W. H. JONES, PRINTER, NELSON, N. C.

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