

## History of Queen Anne Presbyterian Church

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QUEEN ANNE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 414 West Howe Street, Seattle.

This congregation began in March 1904 as a branch of the First United Presbyterian Church (UPCNA) of Seattle (which later became Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church). Queen Anne area (the North District) was logged in the 1890s and annexed to Seattle in 1892. The counterbalance cable car and later the electric streetcar provided access. Many considered this the first suburb of Seattle.

The First United Presbyterian Church of Seattle asked their Board of Church Extension to purchase a lot on Queen Anne Hill. \$1,100 was appropriated July 1904. On Nov. 18, 1904, the first services of the Sabbath school in the Queen Anne District were held in a home by Miss Jeanette Wade (later Mrs. Harold Spaulding). She was under the appointment of the Women's Board.

Within a few months a larger home was necessary. With illness in this home a third site was found and then furnished by the First United Presbyterian Church of Seattle and the Women's Missionary Society of First United Presbyterian Church of Olympia. The Board of Church Extension soon purchased two lots on Fifth Avenue West and West Howe Street. April 1, 1905 Rev. W. H. Treisch, the Presbyterial Missionary of Puget Sound Presbytery (UPCNA) was appointed to supply the new mission. The group worshipped in Rev. Treisch's home and later in a "beautiful little cottage of Swiss design" for two years. The provisional session was J. M. Wilkin of First United Presbyterian Church and John Clark Sr. of the Olympic Court Presbyterian Church (now Trinity Presbyterian Church).

July 28, 1905 Third United Presbyterian Church of Seattle was organized with fourteen members. The Presbytery committee was Rev. W. A. Spalding, Rev. E. E. Cooper, Rev. W. H. Treisch, Elder J. A. Cathcart of the First United Presbyterian Church and Elder John Clark, Sr., of the Olympic Court. The Women's Missionary Society was formed Nov. 1, 1905 with nine members. The women purchased the first pulpit furnishings: three chairs and a communion table.

In 1906 the name was officially changed to Queen Anne United Presbyterian Church. An April 1906 booklet describes "Our beginning, our growth, our needs. . . . Of the many hills upon which Seattle is built none is more favorably situated than is Queen Anne Hill. Lifted as it is far about the thick fogs of the bay and the heavy smokes of the city, with the smooth, sparkling phosphorus waters of Puget Sound, covered with ship and sail of every kind at its feet. Mile after mile of virgin forests stretching off to the distance in every direction, and encircled with snow-capped mountains of rare beauty, all of which is most enchanting to the soul of man." The fund appeal states a thousand bricks will cost \$12.00. "Could you not give that much?"

The third home was a brick church building which was erected for \$11,000 and then dedicated April 21, 1907, free of all debt. The style was described as "Old colonial." July 1907 the United Presbyterian Rally for the Christian Endeavor International Convention in Seattle was held here in the "New Third Church." At the social hour, in the church parlors, 300 guests were served. "A male quartette added to the pleasure of the hour." The new Queen Anne High School opened in 1909.

An article concerning the church was published in the United Presbyterian Newspaper of May 16, 1912. The 1914 directory described "A Homelike Church. Where you may worship God in quiet and reverence. Where you may hear the Gospel in its simplicity and fullness.

Where you may have companionship with good people who like you are trying to live the Christian Life. Where you may join with them in honest efforts for the suppression of evil, for the furtherance of good and for the extension of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every seat free. Everybody welcome." The church was under the Board of Missions for support until sometime during Rev. Hofstetter's pastorate when it finally became self-sustaining.

July 28-29, 1945 the fortieth anniversary was celebrated. At the Sunday evening service of July 29th, 1945, the 40th anniversary of Queen Anne United Presbyterian Church was held jointly with Seattle First United Presbyterian Church.

The manse became the Fellowship House in about 1954. A new manse was purchased at 410 West Howe with a loan of \$6,000. The former parsonage was converted to classrooms. The Golden Anniversary Dinner was held July 29, 1955. At that time there were 17 members that had been members for over 25 years. Membership was 244. The church merged into the Presbytery of Seattle (PCUSA) from the Presbytery of Puget Sound (UPCNA) on Jan. 6, 1959. October 1959 the church met with the executive of presbytery regarding relocating the church. The action was denied. The former manse and an addition were removed for the new Christian Education wing in 1960. March 1963 the presbytery study recognized that the inner city churches, Queen Anne, Westminster and Seattle First, would all be in the center of apartments soon.

In the fall of 1978 Rev. Henry Fawcett, a Native American minister from Metlakatla, Alaska, became pastor. This was the first time a native pastor served a non-native congregation in Seattle Presbytery, and possibly in the United States. He was ordained July 7, 1963 in Alaska Presbytery. He came as part time pastor at Queen Anne and pastor at large for Native Americans. He left in 1986 to join the staff of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

The Seventy-Fifth, Diamond Jubilee, Anniversary was celebrated on November 9, 1980 with the theme "Wee Kirk on the Hill." December 1993 new stained glass windows above the 5th Avenue door and in the bell tower were dedicated to the memory of Virginia Hilden and John Ritchie. The congregation celebrated the 90th anniversary September 30, 1995 with a special evening program of reminiscences and a video presentation.

Seattle Third United Presbyterian Church (UPCNA)

Pastors: 1905 Rev. William H. Treisch

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- 1906 Rev. William H. Treisch
- 1908 Rev. Frank DeWitt Findley, SS
- 1909 Rev. John Downie, SS
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- 1915 Rev. Herries Grant Edgar
- 1919 Rev. John M. Shive
- 1920 Rev. George N. Taylor
- 1925 Rev. James Shields, D.D., SS
- 1926 Rev. Roy W. Hoffstetter
- 1940 Rev. Raymond L. Wilson
- 1947 Rev. William H. Wrighton, SS
- 1948 Rev. Clifford S. Smith, D.D.
- 1953 Rev. H. M. Jamieson, supply
- 1954 Rev. Herbert E. Schreiner, Jr.

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- 1959 Rev. Herbert E. Schreiner, Jr.
- 1964 Rev. Gordon D. Baugh, TS
- 1966 Rev. Milton Ensley, Jr.
- 1971 supply
- 1972 Rev. C. George Hansford, SS
- 1976 Rev. David Fairchild, SS
- 1978 Rev. Henry E. Fawcett, D.D.

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- 1983 Rev. Henry E. Fawcett, D.D.
- 1986 Rev. L. John Worcester, SS
- 1991 Rev. Jeffrey F. Bullock
- 1996 Rev. Bradford A. Buff, interim
- 1997 Rev. Douglas J. Early