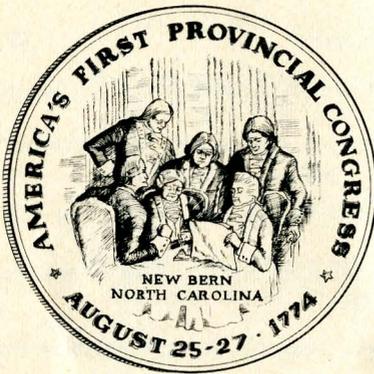


A Service
of
Thanksgiving and Dedication

8:00 P.M. — AUGUST 18, 1974



The founding fathers believed devoutly that there was a God and that the inalienable rights of man were rooted—not in the state, nor the legislature, nor in any other human power—but in God alone.

—Tom C. Clark

The Order of Worship

THE PRELUDES—"Three American Hymn Tunes".....Selected

WORDS of WELCOME and

RECOGNITION of SPECIAL GUESTS.....MR. JOSEPH M. FREEMON, JR.

A STATEMENT of PURPOSE.....THE REVEREND ERNEST R. PORTER

THE CHORAL INTROIT—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"..... ANONYMOUS

THE INVOCATION

A HYMN of PRAISE—"God of Our Fathers".....WARREN

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand, Leads forth in beauty
all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful
songs before Thy throne arise.*

*Thy love divine, hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee
our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide, and Stay; Thy word our
law, Thy paths our chosen way.*

*From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be thy strong arm our
ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness
nourish us in peace.*

*Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night
to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, And glory, laud and
praise be ever Thine.*

THE LITANY of THANKSGIVING.....THE REVEREND ROBERT L. WILKEN

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for His manifold mercies:
For the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties,
for all the wonder of our country's story,

People: **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.**

Leader: For leaders in nation and state, and those who in days
past and in these present times have labored for the
Commonwealth,

People: **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who in all times and places have been true and
brave, and in the world's common ways have lived up-
right lives and ministered to their fellows,

People: **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.**

Leader: For those who served their country in her hour of need,
and especially those who gave their lives,

People: **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.**

Leader: For persons and communities who give of themselves
now for the causes of lasting peace and human progress,
according to Thy Will,

People: **WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD.**

THE ANTHEM—*“From Sea to Shining Sea”*.....WHITNEY

THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:1-9.....MR. KENNETH MARGOLIS

THE SANCTUS

THE NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:1-8.....THE REVEREND SIDNEY A. RAINES

THE PRAYER.....THE REVEREND C. EDWARD SHARP

THE ANTHEM—*“Battle Hymn of The Republic”*.....RINGWALD

INTRODUCTION of THE SPEAKER...THE REVEREND J. MURPHY SMITH

THE SERMON—*“In the Beginning—God”*

THE REVEREND EDWARD L. R. ELSON, S.T.D., D.D.
Chaplain, United States Senate

THE COVENANT.....THE REVEREND DONALD W. HADLEY

AN AFFIRMATION BY THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Leader: In celebration of our goodly heritage and in the hope of
a meaningful future, let us make our common dedi-
cation as a Community of Faith.

Leader and People:

**We, the people of Craven County, have been given a
rich heritage, have been called to freedom and to claim
again our destiny, therefore as a community of faith we
mutually pledge to each other and to God to pray for our
beloved land and work for the common good:**

**that our traditions might be stepping-stones to a
better future rather than static reminders of the past;**

that our politics might be governed by principles rather than expediencies;

that our business might be conditioned by genuine morality rather than greed;

that our scientific achievements might be flavored with the enrichments of cultural and humanitarian endeavors;

that our education might be for the whole person in learning how to live rather than learning only to make a living;

and that our worship might foster new loyalty in service and charity rather than pride and pretense.

May there be implanted within our hearts the desire to do the will of God, so that we may not fail our forefathers, ourselves and the generations yet to come, in knowing the favor of almighty God. AMEN.

A HYMN of DEDICATION—

"O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand" HATTON

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand our exiled fathers crossed the sea; And when they trod the wintry strand, with prayer and psalm they worshiped Thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer; Thy blessing came, and still its power shall onward through all ages bear the memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God came with those exiles o'er the waves, and where their pilgrim feet have trod, the God they trusted guards their graves,

And here Thy name, O God of love, their children's children shall adore, till these eternal hills remove, and spring adorns the earth no more.

THE BENEDICTION MR. DANIEL T. LILLEY

A CHORAL RESPONSE—*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"* LUTKIN

THE POSTLUDE—*"Toccata from 'Symphony No. 5'"* WIDOR

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Edward L. R. Elson
Chaplain, United States Senate

Mr. Joseph M. Freemon, Jr.
Chairman, Bicentennial Commission

The Reverend Donald W. Hadley
First Baptist Church, Havelock

Mr. Gregory P. Jones
Chairman for Music and Organist

Mr. Daniel T. Lilley
Cove City Christian Church

Mr. Kenneth Margolis, President
Temple B'nai Sholem, New Bern

The Reverend Ernest R. Porter
Centenary United Methodist Church, New Bern

The Reverend Sidney A. Raines
Rue's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church

The Reverend C. Edward Sharp
Christ Episcopal Church, New Bern

The Reverend J. Murphy Smith
First Presbyterian Church, New Bern

Mrs. Fred Tracy
Pianist

Mr. Julian D. Wagemaker
Director of The Combined Choirs

The Reverend Robert L. Wilken
St. Paul Catholic Church, New Bern

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We are grateful to the choirs of New Bern/Craven County for forming the Bicentennial Community Choir; to the following organists: Mrs. John Beck, Mrs. Andrew Fuller and Mrs. Frances Jones; and to First Baptist Church for providing choir rehearsal facilities.

We appreciate the service of our ushers from various churches. They are under the direction of Mr. John C. Morton.

The flowers tonight are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by the pastors of New Bern/Craven County in appreciation of their congregations.

We are thankful for the cooperation of Jones-Potts Music Company in providing the organ and piano.

We are indebted to Mr. Charles F. Taylor, the Festival Chairman, and Dr. H. Braughn Taylor, Executive Director of The Bicentennial Commission, for their leadership and cooperation.

The Worship Committee included Gregory P. Jones, Ernest R. Porter, Sidney A. Raines, J. Murphy Smith and Robert L. Wilken.