

DEDICATION

The Prophet Isaiah says (8:10), "Take counsel together..... for God is with us." The hymn writer, Isaac Watts, in the 18th century, put this and similar Biblical admonitions in that poem which was set to music and has become the well-beloved hymn, "Our God Our Help."

The opening words of this hymn-poem form the text of our dedication - "Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come." It is unto God, the eternal Father, to whom we must give the praise and thanks for putting it into the hearts of the founders of our Church to establish a congregation of Christian worshippers here 100 years ago. It is unto God, the guide and life and faith, through Jesus our Lord, that we bow in gratitude for the watchfulness over our church family these past ten decades. As we celebrate this momentous anniversary, may we always be mindful that our glory be given unto our Triune God rather than to any accomplishment of man, though we are grateful for the contributions of thousands of parishoners and the five former pastors, all now departed this life, in time, love and money all these years to sustain the work of this church.

And finally, it is in this same glorious God the Father, His Son, Jesus and the ever-abiding Holy Spirit that our "hope for years to come" is grounded. We move into the future, the second 100 years, under the grace of God. And it is unto Him and through Him; our continued witness to His love and care for all mankind; that this volume is dedicated.

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