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A BRIEF HISTORY

OF THE

Presbyterian Church,

IN THE

Village of Montgomery, Orange Co., N. Y.,

TOGETHER WITH A

LIST OF THE MEMBERS,

AND THE

ARTICLES OF FAITH AND COVENANT

OF THE CHURCH.

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## A Brief History.

The corner stone of this Church was laid June 19th, 1831, a little less than 59 years ago, by Hon. Charles Borland. The sermon on that eventful occasion was delivered by Rev. Ezra Fisk, D. D., of Goshen, accompanied by other appropriate services.

On the 27th day of August, 1832, the congregation of this church made up largely from the Goodwill and Reformed Churches, voted to invite Rev. James O. Stokes to become their pastor. This gentleman being of English extraction and not having satisfactory credentials, and withal, holding views at variance with the doctrines of the Church, the Presbytery refused to install him and he concluded his ministry as a supply, in about one year.

On the 2d of October, 1832, a Committee of the Presbytery of Hudson proceeded to organize this Church. It consisted of thirty persons, viz: Cyrus Lyon, John Kelley, Walter Mead, Samuel T. Scott, Isabella B. Scott, John Boak, Jr., Joshua Conger, Benjamin VanKeuren, Elizabeth VanKeuren, Eve Miller, Isabella H. Borland, Mary Preston, Rhoda Neafie, Margaret Gridley, Matilda

C. Hill, Rachel Chandler, Jemima Parshall, Hiram E. Conger, Sally Ann Conger, Sarah Pelton, Sarah McNeil, Emily Weller, Ann E McNeal, Samuel Bookstaver, John Peache, William Hays, Esther Hunter, Jane Lawson, Elizabeth Eager and Stephen Gillespie. Of these thirty founders, all are now dead. On the day of the organization, after the sermon by Rev. C. Cummins, D. D., the above named thirty persons, presented their certificates of good standing in and dismissal from their respective Churches, and were in due form constituted a Church of Jesus Christ, under the name of the First Presbyterian Church, of the village of Montgomery, N. Y.

The following persons were elected ruling elders on that occasion: Cyrus Lyon, Walter Mead, Samuel T. Scott, John Kelley, John Boak, Jr. The last three named being then and there ordained, the others having held similar offices in other Churches.

The Church and congregation were addressed on the occasion by the Rev. W. Timlow, the newly elected elders by Rev. Daniel T. Wood.

In March, 1834, Rev. Sheridan Gitteau was elected pastor and was soon after installed. During his ministry of about fifteen months, a revival of very considerable power occurred in this village and adjacent community. Twenty-seven persons, chiefly adults and heads of families united with

the Church, making at this date, viz, 1834-35, the total membership, 101 persons.

Rev. Mr. Gitteau resigned his charge, June 9th, 1835, and was succeeded by Rev. Benjamin B. Stockton who was installed July 28th of the same year. This gentleman continued the pastor until April, 1838, when he resigned. During his ministry eighteen were received by letter and thirteen by profession of faith.

April 26, 1838, Rev. E. R. Fairchild was unanimously chosen pastor. He was installed, June 26, 1838. His pastorate was brief. Attracted by the alluring call to the Secretaryship of the Home Missionary Society at Philadelphia, and disappointed because the congregation had no parsonage, he offered his resignation, and was dismissed by the Presbytery, October 3d, 1839. Eight persons were received into the Church by letter and eleven by profession during his ministry.

On the 14th day of December, 1839, the Rev. Robert G. Armstrong, of Fishkill, N. Y., was unanimously elected pastor and was installed February 5th, 1840, and dismissed April 21, 1841.

The Rev. W. W. Newell, late of Boston, Mass., was called to this Church, November 21st, 1841, and installed February 2d, 1842. During his ministry a season of revival took place and in 1842, at the May Communion, 102 persons united with the Church.

The Church record shows that the total number received into this Church during Mr. Newell's ministry to be 165. The whole membership of the Church at this period being 238.

Messrs. H. E. Conger, Abram Vail and Theodore L. Jackson were admitted to the eldership of this Church during the period just referred to.

The parsonage so much needed during the past years of the Church's history was built during the ministry of Rev. Mr. Newell, which covered a period of five years and eight months.

In April, 1848, the people with one voice invited the Rev. Dr. Fairchild to take the pastorate of this Church again. The unanimity of the people, together with the parsonage, induced in part, at least, Mr. F. to consent to become the steady supply, this, coupled with the fact that the Church should free itself from debt, which amounted at this time, viz, in 1848, to \$2,300.

The congregation had long felt the need of a cemetery. At this point, Gen. Borland with that public spirit which was his wont, gave the ground where the present cemetery is now located, this ground being parceled out in plots and scrip issued at twenty-five dollars per plot, furnished a fund to pay the debt. It should be said here, that Dr. Fairchild deserves great credit for the zeal in carrying out this movement and thus cancelling the debt so long resting on the Church.

The health of Dr. Fairchild being impaired in the Fall of 1849, he vacated the pulpit, the congregation meanwhile, at his suggestion, employed the Rev. Dr. Judd as a supply. Dr. Judd labored with great acceptance during the Winter of 1849 and 1850 and the health of Dr. Fairchild not being improved to resume his labors, the congregation saw their way open to secure the services of Dr. Judd. The call was made out and he was accordingly installed September 4th, 1850. Dr. Judd continued his labors with great acceptance until March 3d, 1860, when he was called from the labor of the church militant to join in the blessings and pleasures of the church triumphant in heaven. His remains were interred at Bloomfield, N. J. Eighty-three persons were received during his ministry, forty-one by profession, and forty-two by letter. Upon the death of Dr. Judd, the health of Dr. Fairchild having improved, he was for the third time induced to labor in this vineyard. He came in April, 1860, and remained till October, 1861, when his former indisposition returned and he was obliged to leave. He was not installed at either of his last two settlements. During the year 1860, Messrs. Alex. Beattie and Miller VanKeuren were admitted to the eldership. On the 7th of April, 1862, Rev. Joseph M. McNulty was elected pastor and continued till the sitting of the Presbytery, April 22d, 1868. During

the six years of his ministry, seventy-one persons were received into the membership of the Church, although during the troublesome times of war: fifty-five by profession and sixteen by letter.

Rev. Richard Bentley accepted the call of the congregation, July 8, 1868; was installed Nov. 10th of the same year; dismissed by Presbytery, November, 1871. During the three years of his ministry, thirty-five persons were received into the Church, twenty-two by letter and thirteen by profession.

From 1868 to 1870 the congregation expended \$2,000 in new roofing the Church and parsonage, painting and frescoing the interior of the Church and general repairs.

In January, 1873, the Rev. John Ward accepted the call of the congregation and commenced his labors. He was installed May 22, 1873, twenty-nine persons were received into the Church during his ministry, twenty-five by profession and four by letter. Of this number the greater portion were young persons, who had been connected with the Sunday School and Bible Class. At this communion in June, 1874, Messrs. Abial Decker, Alex. T. Russell, Daniel M. Wade, Frederic Bodine and Peter E. Miller were admitted into the eldership of this Church. The pastoral relations between Mr. Ward and the congregation were dissolved on the 19th of April, 1875.

The Rev. James C. Forsyth our present pastor, came to us July, 1875; installed, October 14th following. The union, we trust, is to be one of mutual comfort and spiritual benefit. The Great Head of the Church has already set to it the seal of His divine approval. The Church has increased her numbers. Believers have been quickened and sinners comforted. Since Rev. Mr. Forsyth became our pastor, nearly fifteen years, eighty-five persons have been received in full communion into the Church on profession of their faith in Christ, and sixty-two by certificate. Fifty six infants have been baptized and twenty-nine adults.

The debt which was upon the Church and congregation has been fully paid, the parsonage has been repaired, grounds around both Church and parsonage have been greatly improved, making both more valuable.

During the year 1889, the church edifice was thoroughly repaired both inside and outside. Repairs consisting of new tin roof, new stained glass windows, painted two coats on the outside, inside being frescoed, new carpet, seats painted and grained with many other suitable embellishments, making the whole Church beautiful and attractive at a cost of \$2,161.97.

The Church membership is about two hundred. The congregation is united and all of the

congregation are ready to contribute for the welfare of the Church, which is clearly shown by prompt payment of salary and other expenses connected with the growth of our Church, amounting to the sum total per year of \$2,000.

As we look upon the scene, the language of our hearts is beautiful for situation; the joy of the earth is Mt. Zion.

Whilst we acknowledge the good hand of our God in planting this Church and in watching over it through all the fifty-nine years of peril and conflict to which it has been exposed, let us who are now working in the vineyard remember that our duty is to watch and pray.

From the memories and experiences of the past, the promises and assurances of God's Word, it becomes us to renew our work, that we may acquit ourselves like true men and women, worthy as the cause in which we are engaged. Be it ours then "To walk about Zion; to go round about Her; tell the towers thereof; mark ye well her bulwarks; consider her palaces," that ye may tell it to the generation following. Praise ye the Lord.

The following are the minister and officers of our Church at the present writing, viz, April 1st, 1890:



MINISTER.

Rev. James C. Forsythe.

ELDERS,

Theodore L. Jackson,  
Daniel M. Wade,  
Peter E. Miller,  
Frederic Bodine.

TRUSTEES.

Henry V. McNeal,  
George Senior,  
John D. Shafer,  
John Conning,  
Thomas Helms,  
Charles A. Crist,

CHOIR.

Belle Mead, organist,  
Charles Stanley,  
Cora Harris,  
John J. Vanderoef,  
Mrs. John J. Vanderoef,  
Dr. William I. Wallace.

SEXTON.

Charles H. Jacklin.

TREASURER.

George E. Senior.

CLERK OF CHURCH.

F. Bodine.

### Names of Former Ministers.

- Rev. James O. Stokes, steady supply from May 1832 to May 1833.
- “ Sheridan Gitteau, installed April, 1834, dismissed June 9, 1835.
- “ Benjamin B. Stockton, installed July 28, 1835, dismissed April 1838.
- “ Elias R. Fairchild, installed January 26, 1838, dismissed October 3d, 1839.
- “ Robert G. Armstrong, installed February 5, 1840, dismissed April, 1841.
- “ William W. Newell, installed February 2, 1842, dismissed October, 1847.
- “ Dr. Fairchild, steady supply April, 1848, dismissed Fall, 1849.
- “ Dr. Judd, steady supply, 1849 to 1850, installed September 4, 1850, died March 3, 1860.
- “ Dr. Fairchild, April, 1860. October, 1861.
- “ Joseph M. McNulty, installed April 7, 1862, dismissed April 22, 1868.
- “ Richard Bentley, installed November, 1868, dismissed November 1871.
- “ John Ward, installed May 22, 1873, dismissed April 19, 1875.
- “ James C. Forsythe, took charge of church July 1875, installed October 14, 1875, and pastor at this date.

### Names of Elders Since the Church was Organized :

Those marked †, dead; those marked r, removed; those marked t, dismissed, and those marked s, suspended:

t Cyrus Lyon,	Samuel N. Scott,
t John Boak, Jr.,	Theodore L. Jackson,
† Walter Mead,	‡ John Kelly,
† Abram Vail,	† Hiram E. Conger,
† Benjamin Perkins,	† Miller Van Keuren,
t Alexander Beattie,	† Ahiel Decker,
† Alexander T. Russell,	Daniel M. Wade,
Peter E. Miller.	Frederick Bodine.

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### List of Trustees Since the Church was Organized :

Hon. Charles Borland,	Selah Manny,
† Robert S. Crawford,	† William Jackson,
† George Eager, M. D.	† S. M. Crawford, M. D.,
r Lewis Weed,	† Nathaniel P. Hill,
James S. Barkley,	† Jacob C. Tooker,
r John-C. Wilkin,	John Wait,
r Gideon Pelton,	† Johannes Miller,
† Aaron P. Wilson,	Isaac N. Coleman,
Moses McMonagle,	Andrew Conger,
Johannas M. Hunter,	Henry McNeal,
John Wait,	Jonathan M. Vail,
Andrew Conger,	Moses B. Wilkin,

## LIST OF TRUSTEES, CONTINUED:

James W. Sears,	Nelson Crist,
Jacob R. Burnett,	Henry Sears,
William J. Norris,	George Senior,
Moses G. Wilkin,	Peter Eager,
Joseph N. Comfort,	Thomas Helms,
John M. Quackenbos,	Stephen D. Wilkin,
David Thompson,	John Van Keuren,
T. N. J. Fowler,	John J. Decker,
James Vanderoef,	Samuel W. Eager,
Thomas W. Senior,	Theodore J. Crist,
John D. Shafer,	John Conning,
Jas. H. Van Keuren,	Simon B. Morris.

## NAMES OF MEMBERS

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AT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH OCT. 2, 1832.

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Cyrus Lyon, from Goodwill church, Montgomery.  
 John Kelly, Dutch church, Montgomery.  
 Walter Mead, Goodwill Church,  
 Samuel T. Scott, “  
 Isabella B. Scott, “  
 John Boak, Jr., Dutch Church.  
 Joshua Conger, Goodwill Church,  
 Benjamin Van Keuren, “  
 Eliza Van Keuren, “  
 Eve Miller, widow, “  
 Isabella H. Borland, “  
 Mary Preston, “  
 Rhoda Neaffie, “  
 Margaret Gridley, “  
 Matilda Hill, “  
 Rachel Chandler, “  
 Jeremiah Parshal, “  
 Hiram E. Conger, Dutch Church,  
 Sally Ann Conger, “  
 Sarah Pelton, Goodwill Church,  
 Sarah McNeil, “

E. nily Weller, Goodwill Church,  
 Ann Eliza McNeil, "  
 Samuel Bookstaver, Dutch Church.  
 John Peache, "  
 William Hays, "  
 Esther Hunter, "  
 Jane Lawson, "  
 Elizabeth Eager, Associate church, Hamptonburgh  
 Stephen Gillespie " " "

NOVEMBER 9th, 1832.

John M. G. Embler.  
 John Miller.  
 Eliza S. Smith.  
 Susan H. Scott.  
 Maria Conger,  
 Mary Scott,  
 Margaret Hunter,  
 Sarah Chandler, Goodwill Church,  
 Agnes Barkley, "  
 Julian Boak, Dutch Church,  
 Elizabeth Stokes, Independent church, England,  
 Stephen Rockefeller, Dutch Church,  
 Mary Rockefeller, "

FEBRUARY 8TH, 1833.

James Graham, Elizabeth Puff,  
 Mary Graham, Mary Sears, by letter.

MAY 18TH, 1833.

Archibald Bell, Dutch Church,

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 1833.

Gideon Pelton.

DECEMBER 30TH, 1833.

Daniel Whitman, Presbyterian Church, Goshen.

Hannah Whitman, " " "

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. Sheridan Gitteau.

JUNE 6TH, 1834.

John A. Smith, Presbyterian Church, Goshen.

Mary Smith, " " "

Mary Ann Kain, Goodwill Church, Montgomery.

Matilda Maverick, Pearl St. Church, N. Y. City.

Pamela Conger, Market St. Dutch Ch. N.Y. City.

Dorothy Lindsey,

AUGUST 15TH, 1834.

Jane Peache, Dutch Church, Montgomery,

Phebe Force,

OCTOBER 5TH, 1834.

Catharine Conger,

NOVEMBER 3D, 1834.

Mary Bertholomew,

Louisa Racket,

Martha Bryson,

William Jackson, Associate Ch., Hamptonburgh.

Mary Jackson, Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.  
Jane Vail,  
Harriet Vail,  
Mary Ellsworth,  
Hannah Luquere,  
Mary Luquere,  
Abba A. Luquere.

JANUARY 5TH, 1835.

Eveline Hunter.

FEBRUARY 6TH, 1835.

Susan Sebastain,  
Mary Goldsmith,  
John C. Wilkin,  
Elizabeth Wilkin,  
Abraham Vail, Jr.,  
John Vail,  
Moses McMonegal,  
Ann McMonegal,  
Catharine Vail,  
Margaret Vail,  
Caroline Houston,  
James G. Houston,  
Ellas Boyd,  
Jane Van Keuren,  
Linus Weed, Presbyterian Ch., South Middletown.  
Charity Weed, “ “ “



MAY 4TH, 1835.

Jeremiah Scott,  
 Julia Brownson,  
 Elizabeth Gridley,  
 Caroline Lindsey.  
 Cynthia Ann Scott,  
 William Sears,  
 Maria Thompson,  
 Catharine Goldsmith,  
 Mary Ann Conklin,  
 Esther Van Keuren,  
 Martha Chandler,  
 Thomas Goldsmith,  
 Eliza A. Neimyer, Presbyterian Ch. Portsmouth, Va  
 Lydia Conklin, " " Westtown,

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Admitted During the Ministry of Rev. B. B. Stockton.

AUGUST 9th, 1835.

Oliva B. Stockton, Presbyterian Ch., Leroy, N. Y.  
 Elizabeth Sears, Goodwill Church,  
 Eleanor Whitman,  
 Mary McBride,  
 Elizabeth Galley,  
 Lilly Osborne,  
 Sarah G. Kilmore,

NOVEMBER 6th, 1835.

Mary Milliken, Berea Dutch Ch., Montgomery.  
Phebe Norris, " " " "

FEBRUARY 1st, 1836.

Andrew H. Hawley, 1st Pres. Church, Ithaca, N. Y.  
Catharine M. Hasbrook,

MAY 2d, 1836.

Elizabeth Jackson,  
Elizabeth Bakeman,

NOVEMBER 7th, 1836.

Benjamin Perkins, Goodwill Church,  
Margaret Perkins, " "

FEBRUARY 10th, 1837.

John Blake,  
Brewster Helms, Presbyterian Church, Deerpark.  
Elizabeth Helms, " " "  
Sarah Vance, " " "  
Phebe Warner, Goodwill Church.

MAY 7th, 1837.

John H. Ackerson, Pres. Ch. West Milford, N. J.  
Mary J. Horton,  
Elizabeth Horton,  
Elvira M. Scott,  
John Murray, Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem.  
Martha H. Murray, Pres. Ch. New Windsor,

William Parker, Ref. Dutch Ch. Canajoharie, N.Y.  
Dolly Parker, " " "

AUGUST 11th, 1837.

Thomas B. Scott, Laight st. Pres. Ch. N. Y. City.  
Susanna McBride,  
Chloe Blake, Berea Dutch Church, Montgomery.

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. Elias R. Fairchild.

AUGUST 6TH, 1838.

Albert D. Wright,  
Clarinda Wright,  
Mary E. Boak,  
Catharine D. Boak,  
Catharine R. S. Crawford,  
Theodore L. Jackson,

NOVEMBER 10th, 1838.

Matilda Fairchild, North Pres. Ch. Hardyston, N.J.  
John Hays, Dutch Ref. Church, Montgomery.  
Sarah V. A. Hays, " "

FEBRUARY 8TH, 1839.

Martha Vail,  
Margaret J. Boak,  
Hugh Miller.

MAY 10TH, 1839.

Mehetable McMonegal, Brainerd Pres. Ch. N. Y.  
Harriet Foster, 1st Presbyterian Ch. Wantage, N.J

Elihu Moore, Pres. Church, Scotchtown.  
Julia Gillespie, " "  
Catharine Wilson, Ref. Dutch Ch. Bloomingburgh.  
Pamela Ann Conger,  
Dinah Miller.

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. R. G. Armstrong.

FEBRUARY 7th, 1840.

Samuel B. Bell,  
Eliza M. Neaffie,  
Lucinda Trusdale, Spring st. Pres. Ch. N. Y. city.

MAY 8th, 1840.

Sarah A. L. Armstrong, 1st Pres. Ch. Fishkill.  
Joseph Lemon, 1st Presbyterian Ch. Newburgh.  
Elizabeth Lemon, " " "  
Joseph Lemon, Jr., 2d Church, Newburgh,

AUGUST 7th, 1840.

Levi Adams, Congr. Ch. north Brookfield, Mass.  
William Marvin, " Walton, Delaware co, N.Y.

NOVEMBER 6th, 1840.

Mary W. McMonegal,

FEBRUARY 13th, 1841.

Sally Ann Dusenberry,  
Mary I. Goldsmith,  
Alfred Preston,  
Catharine M. Brown,

Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. William W. Newell.

FEBRUARY 12th, 1842.

Selina Ann Bell,  
 Margaret Ellen Coukling,  
 Catharine McCormick,  
 Ann M. Bookstaver,  
 Adelia M. Stewart,  
 Esther Vail,  
 Harriet Eliza Marvine,  
 David C. Smith, Ref. Dutch Ch, Newburgh.  
 Henrietta A. P. Smith, " "  
 Orfal Rockafellow, " Montgomery.

MAY 8th, 1842.

George Eager, M. D.  
 Eunice Eager,  
 William Kidd,  
 Eliza Kidd,  
 Ann Preston,  
 Isaac Ackerman,  
 Maria Ackerman,  
 Thomas Hawkins,  
 Elizabeth Hawkins,  
 Henry Sears,  
 Phebe H. Sears,  
 Walter B. Sears,  
 Rebecca Sears, Pres. Ch. Scotchtown,

James Bodine, 1st Pres. Ch, Kinderhook,  
Jane Mary Bodine, " "  
Thomas G. Whitmore,  
Rachel D. Whitmore, Dutch Ch, Montgomery.  
Albert Brown,  
Elizabeth Brown,  
Eales Mead,  
Jane Mead,  
Mary B. Mead,  
Charity Catharine Utter,  
Sarah Maria Utter,  
Mary Goldsmith,  
Harriet Weed,  
Daniel C. Weed,  
Anier Jane Weed,  
Martha P. Weed,  
Mary M. Sears,  
Hannah Eliza Sears,  
Isabella B. Sears,  
Joseph C. Gridley,  
Court H. Gridley,  
Ann Gridley,  
Joshua C. Sears,  
William E. Sears,  
Jonathan M. Vail,  
James H. Vail,  
Almira Augusta Vail,  
Mary Ann Vail,

Jane Elizabeth Wilkins,  
Caroline A. Wilkins,  
Elizabeth David,  
Mary Ann Graham,  
Eliza R. Conger,  
Ann P. Conger,  
Elizabeth Lemon,  
Mary Ann Lemon,  
Matilda Bryson,  
Isabella Bryson,  
Francis A. Jackson,  
Sarah Miller,  
Mary E. Scott,  
Fanny A. C. Scott,  
Ellen C. Caldwell,  
Catharine Chandler,  
Walter Brownson,  
Lewis L. Bodine,  
William Stewart,  
Charles Earl,  
Charles Marsweilar,  
Abram Conkling,  
Elijah T. Dusenberry,  
Marcus D. W. Bicknell,  
Charles G. Trusdell,  
Edna S. Newell, Maverick Ch., Boston,  
Elizabeth W. Newell. " "  
Mirriam McMunn, Pres. Ch., Scotchtown,

George Bowers,  
 Alex. Doig Jackson,  
 Josiah McBride,  
 Mary Ann Miller,  
 Margaret Jane Hays,  
 Sarah Ann Marsh,  
 Catharine Chandler,  
 Mary Chandler,  
 Elizabeth Gridley,  
 Caroline M. Conger,

Isaac Hasbrouck,  
 Amos Bull,  
 George Brown,  
 Amey Fisbea,  
 Harriet E. Hays,  
 Susan Conger,  
 Samuel Williams,  
 Charles Minot,  
 Sarah M. Simmons,  
 Sarah Ann Bowers,

NOVEMBER 13th, 1842.

Oliver Helmes

FEBRUARY 12th, 1843.

Abigail McCutcheon, Mary Baker, Ps. c, Centrevl

MAY 7th, 1843.

Alexander M. Vance,  
 James Perkins,  
 Elizabeth Ann Smith,  
 Harriet Louisa Mains,  
 Amelia C. Conger,  
 Mary Patterson,  
 Isabella H. Borland,  
 Fanny B. Health,  
 Sarah Ann Teller,  
 Jane Ann Nichols,  
 Eveline Graham,  
 James Madison,

Lucretia S. Weed,  
 Theodore A. Jackson,  
 Agnes Lemon,  
 Isabella Hill,  
 Harriet Vail,  
 Lucy Simmons,  
 Sarah E. Brown,  
 Margaret Kellers,  
 Ann Martin, Pres. ch,  
 [Goodwill.  
 Elizabeth McCutcheon,  
 [Pres. ch, Good will



AUGUST 13th, 1843.

Elizabeth Jackson,

MAY 5th, 1844.

Jane Wilkin,	Levi Bookstaver,
Elsev Ann Hatch,	William Houston,
Fanny H. Bodine,	Nelson Crist,
Rachel Hardenbrook,	A. E. Crist, Am. Ref. ch,
Jane McDougal,	[Hamptonburg,

AUGUST 11th, 1844.

Lousa Chapman, 2d Pres.	Pamelia Conger, Canal
[ch, Newburgh,	[st. Ch, N. Y. city.
Elizabeth Milligan, Pres.	Sally Ann Barnes,
[Bethlehem.	Charlotte Ann Miller,

FEBRUARY 9th, 1845.

Francis W. Harmon,	Martha McVoy,
[Dutch ch, Geneva,	Silas S. Harmon,
	[Pres. Ch, Geneva

MAY 11TH, 1845.

Catharine Vail, 1st. Pres. ch, Deerpark,

AUGUST 10TH, 1845.

Harriet E. Van Voorhis,	Rebecca Righton.
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SEPTEMBER 7TH, 1845.

Francis Newell,	Sophia B. Walsworth.
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c stands for Certificate. p for Profession of Faith.

p William P. Harmon, c Mrs. Sarah A. White  
1846.

c Oliver Van Cleft, c Mrs. Oliver Van Cleft.  
c Maria L. Walsworth, c Harvey McCutcheon,  
1847.

c Mrs. Catharine Luquer, c Abigail Griffin,  
p Esther Bodine, p Wm. H. Hasbrouck,  
p John Briggs, p Rose Anna Decker,  
p Letitia Bull, c Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett  
p Mrs. Georgianna Gridley p Theodore W. Robbins  
p Elizabeth B. Tyler, p Virginia A. Neimeyer  
p Lucinda Sears, c Mrs. Isabella B. France

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Admitted during Ministry of Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D. D.  
1848.

c Mrs. Mary Sears, p Mrs. Cornelia Conger,  
c William I. Norris, c Mrs. Catharine Norris,  
c Mrs. S. VanAmringe, c Elizabeth Van Amringe  
c Mrs. Matilda Fairchild, c James O. Miller, Sr,  
c Ann Miller, c Mary McBride,  
c Ann Miller, wife of Jonathan Miller.  
p Hugh Kelley,

1849.

c John P. Utter, c Sarah David Utter,  
c Nial T. Osborn, c Sarah Osborn,

c Martha Chandler,	p Joseph V. Comfort,
c Job I. Drake,	c Mrs. Job I. Drake,
p James O. Miller,	p Robert O. Brown,

Admitted during Ministry of Rev. Gideon N. Judd, D. D.

1850.

p Elizabeth Hubbard,	p Peter Booth,
p Jennette Goldsmith,	p Anna N. Tyler,
p Catharine Keller,	p Mrs. Mary Ann Senior
p Mrs. Isabella T. Sears,	p Sarah Y. Sears,
c Mrs. Mary Bannister,	p Mrs. Mariett Caldwell

1851.

c Mary E. Judd,	p Clarissa H. Wait,
p Margaret Eager,	p Mrs. Margaret Clinton
p Julia Hart,	p Nathan C. Vail,
p Lavinia T. Wait,	p Margaret B. Wait,
p Mary Wait,	p Benjamin Vail,
p Sarah Chandler,	p Annie E. Eager,
p Cynthia J. Vail,	p Melissa L. Graham,
p Samuel J. Wilkin,	p Peter E. Miller,

1852.

p Mrs. Maria Smith,	c Mrs. Maria Goldsmith.
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1853.

c James T. Newman,	c Sarah Newman,
c Mrs. Ruth McQuoid,	c Abby Wilkin,

p Mrs. Dolly Ann Colman, p Hannah M. Perkins,  
 c Mrs. Sarah Myers, Harriet Myers.

1854.

c Alexander Beattie, c Cecilia B. Hunter,  
 p Robert Brown, p Mrs. Harriet Mc Neal,  
 p Emily Perkins, p Mrs. Mary J. Tuthill,  
 p Thomas Helms, c Mrs. Maria P. Hunter,  
 c Mrs. Maria S. Bull, c Mrs. Jane S. Miller,

1855.

p Charles B. Hill, p Mrs. Harriet Borland,  
 p Mrs. Adaline Dusenberry, p James Hunter.

1856.

c Mrs. Gertrude Comfort, c Mrs. Hester Wait,  
 c Elias B. Littell, c Mrs. Eunice Littell,  
 c Sarah E. Littell, c Anna O. Neal,  
 c Mrs. Sarah P. McNeal, c Mrs. Loretta Pitts.

1857.

p Mrs. Mary Ann Wilkin, p Keturah McMonagle,  
 p Ann Elizabeth Miller, c John M. Quackenbos  
 c Mrs. Sophia Quackenbos.

1858.

c Julia Graham, c Miller Van Keuren,  
 c Mrs. Jane Van Keuren, c Mrs. E. Van Keuren,  
 c Mrs. Susan M. Wilkin, c Halsey Topping,  
 c Mrs. Amanda Topping, c Mrs. Francis Crist,  
 p Mrs. Rachel Brown, p Malinda Sears,

p Jane W. Sears,	p Mrs Elizabeth Blake
p Lydia Ann Booth,	c Mrs. Mary Moran,
c James O. Scott,	c Mrs. Annie E. Scott,
c Mrs. Margaret Graham,	c Mrs. Mary A. Booth
c Mrs. Eliza H. Conning.	

1859.

c Electus Douglass,	c Mrs. Sarah E. Douglass
c Steiner C. Theilgard,	c Nancy Hoey,
c Sarah Jane Topping.	p Anna E. Blake,

1860.

Thomas Goldsmith,	c Mary E. Conger,
c Sarah V. Conger,	p Samuel H. Wait,

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. Dr. Fairchild.

1861.

c Gideon Pelton,	c Mrs. Sarah Pelton,
p Sarah A. Pelton,	c Mrs. Sarah Wood,
c Louisa Wood.	

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Admitted during Ministry of Rev. Joseph M. McNulty.

1862.

p Eliza Bull,	Mrs. Hannah B. McNulty.
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1863.

p Eliza Conklin,	p Mrs. Zillah Dusenberry,
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c Mr. Dow,

c Mrs. Dow.

1864.

p Hannah Conning,  
 p Charlotte Norris,  
 p William McBride,  
 p Sarah Dusenberry.

p Mrs. E. M. Wilber,  
 c Mrs. Anna Sears,  
 p Mary Senior,

1865.

p Iosilah Millspaugh,  
 c Mrs. Mary Stephens,  
 c Mrs. Mary A. Quackenbos.

c I. W. Stephens,  
 p Mrs. Margaret Eager,

1866.

p Delia Giles,  
 p Lizzie Crawford,  
 p Theodore Shafer,  
 c Mrs. Jane Wiley,  
 p William Luquere,  
 p Sarah Teter,  
 c Theron N. Little,  
 p Isaac McCord.

p Carrie L. Gridley,  
 c Mrs. Abby Hallock,  
 c Isaac Wiley,  
 p Mrs. Emeline Thompson  
 c Mrs. Sarah Luquere,  
 c Mrs. Catharine Johnson,  
 p Margaret Giles,

1867.

p Daniel M. Wade,  
 p George W. Decker,  
 p James E. Myers,  
 p Hannah Hadden,  
 p Georgiana Comfort,  
 c Mrs. Mary Leeper,

p Charlotte C. Wade,  
 p William M. Topping,  
 p Ferris Johnson,  
 p Susan Jane Tingle,  
 p Mrs. Sarah Ann Van-  
 Keuren,

c Mrs. Mary Leeper,	c Alexander G. Russell,
c Mrs. Emma Decker,	p Mrs. M. A. Teter,
p Constant Wadsworth,	p Elizabeth Wadsworth,
p Mrs. Sarah E. Gillespie,	p Henrietta Van Voorhis,
p Hannah C. Wade,	p Sarah Ann McCord,
c John C. Wilber,	p William L. McKinney,
p Mrs. Harriet H. Smith,	p Mrs. Sarah Milligan,
p Amelia Chandler,	p Jane M. Conning,
p Virginia Conning,	c James Vanderoef,
c Mrs. Harriet Vanderoef,	c John J. Vanderoef,
p Jane Ann Boyd,	c Mrs. Charles Miller.

1868.

p Benjamin McKinney,	p Mrs. ——— McKinney
p Mrs. Sophia J. Benedict,	p Moses Miller,
p Frederick Bodine,	p Mittie Bodine,
p Mrs. Keturah M. Mead,	p Catharine Maloney,
p Joseph M. Leeper,	p Mrs. Eliza McKinney,
p Joseph McNulty.	

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. Richard Bentley.

1869.

c T. Jansen Fowler,	c Mrs. Anna Fowler,
c Judson A. Boice,	c Christiana Boice,
c Mrs. Anna Bentley,	c Anna Bentley,
c Eliza Bentley,	c Mary Bentley.
p Mrs. Nancy McNeal,	p Catharine H. Crist,

c Elmer Harlow,	c Mrs. Corlinda Harlow,
c Mrs. Julia K. Hill,	c Mrs. Phebe Tweddle,
p Phebe Thompson,	p Mary Topping,
p Elizabeth McBride,	c Mrs. Anna H. Titus,
c Samuel Martin.	

1870.

p Ralph E. Mowbray,	p Mrs. Sarah I. Mowbray
p Ferris Hulse,	c Elizabeth Harlow,
c Egbert I. Norris,	c Mrs. Jane E. Norris,
p Mary Anna Miller,	c Abial Decker,
c Mrs. Sarah Jane Decker,	c Amelia Decker,
p Mrs. Jane Houston,	p Mrs. Sophia Brannon.

1871.

c Mrs. Josephine Samuels,	p Mrs. Anna Lees,
p Virgil Comfort,	c Mary Burns,
c Mrs. Jane A. Shafer,	c Mrs. Catharine White

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. John Ward.

1872.

p Martha R. Douglass,	c Eleanor Brush,
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1873.

p Lilian Helms,	p Cæsaia Hornbeck,
c Mrs. Clara A. Ward,	p W. J. C. Anderson,
c Charles Brown,	c Mrs. Charles Brown,



1874.

p William H. Senior,	p Mrs. Bessie Senior,
p George E. Senior,	p Hannah Sears,
p Mrs. Mary Ann Mead,	p Isabella Mead,
p Margaret Miller,	p Jane Miller,
p Georgiana B. Gillespie,	p Harriet Vanderoef,
p Mary Samuels,	p Mary Ward,
p Hannah Luquere,	p Emma Conning,
p Anna D. Leeper,	p Jane E. Wiley,
p Margaret Drake,	p Mrs. Hannah Deyo,
p Mrs. Olive Helms,	p Mrs. Sylvester Morris
p John L. Senior,	p James R. Senior,
Mrs. ——— Murphy.	

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Admitted during the Ministry of Rev. James C. Forsythe.

1875.

p Hezekiah Giles,	c Mary Ann Mowbray,
c Mrs. Persis M. Forsyth,	c Emma F. Millinger,
p Charles A. Giles,	p Edward W. Miller,
c Mrs. Mary C. Decker,	c Mrs. Mary Vail,
c Alanson H. Gillespie,	c Mrs. Elizabeth P. Gil-
	[lespie.

1876.

p Henry V. McNeal,	p Agnes H. McNeal,
p James H. Van Keuren,	p Thomas W. Senior,
p Theodore J. Crist,	p Cecilia J. Crist,

p George Senior,	p Samuel Giles,
p John White,	p Stephen D. Wilkin,
p John J. Van Keuren,	p Mary E. Van Keuren,
p Susan Mapes,	p Mary Wilkin,
p Alice C. Shafer,	p Mary Alice Burnett,
p Mrs. Rachel Kain,	p Mrs. Esther H. Miller
p James A. Bowman,	p Harriet E. Bowman,
p Andrew Wilson,	p Henry T. Miller,
p David Drake,	p Mary E. Piggot,
p Margaret Ann Hagan,	p Georgiana Decker,
p Emeline G. Jennings,	p David B. Decker,
p Jacob H. Gillespie,	p Thomas Wood,
p Mrs. Elizabeth Wood,	c Mrs. Sylvanas Howell,
c Mrs. Rachel W. Giles,	c Mrs. Sarah Ketcham,
c Mrs. Sarah M. Gillespie,	c Alice S. Gillespie,
p John W. Norris,	p Mrs. Mary N. McNeal
p Benjamin Sears,	

1877.

p John J. Decker,	p William J. Smith,
c William Titus,	c Mrs. Martha Titus,
c Sarah W. Smith,	c Mrs. Ellizabeth Smith,
c MrsCharlotteClineman	p Elsie Mead,
c John V. Vail,	c Mrs. Ellen Gilerist,
p William Conning,	p Mrs. Mary E. Conning
p Elizabeth McVoy,	c Phebe P. Sears,

1878.

c Mrs. Mary Comfort,	c Margaret C. Wilson,
c Anna S. Wilson.	

1879.

p Susan Virginia Crawford, c Aaron Constable,  
 c Mrs. Sarah F. Constable, c Sarah J. Bull,  
 p Matilda Barnes, c Gertrude C. Barnes,  
 c Robert Edwards.

1880.

p Alnetta Gillespie, c Mrs. Anna Vanderoef  
 p Bartram G. Leeper, p Frederick McHugh,  
 c A. B. Leggett, M. D., c Mrs. C. Leggett.

1881.

c James Sheard, c Mary Sheard,  
 c Mrs. Mary F. Crist, c Mrs. Anna Millspaugh  
 c Mrs. Sarah M. Weller, c Lettie Weller,

1882.

p Grace O. Kidd, p Jennette Kidd,  
 p Mary C. Decker, p Sarah Schoonmaker,  
 c Mrs. Rachel Mile, c Matthew Smedes,  
 c Sophia B. M. Smedes, c Georgiana Smedes,  
 c Catharine J. Smedes, c Fanny Smedes,  
 c Frederick Miles,

1883.

p Mary E. Clearwater, p Anna B. Sears,  
 p Sarah S. Hawkins, c Fanny K. Norris,

1884.

p Jennie Wilkin, c Joseph Lawson,

c Mrs. Emily Lawson,	c Anna Lawson,
c Isabella Lawson,	p Estella E. Mattison,
c Mrs. E. C. Mattison,	c Mrs. Aletta Halstead,
p Ida Wilkin,	c Margaret Lynch,
p George H. Van Keuren,	

1885.

p William H. Thompson,	p Mrs. Susan Thompson
p Mary C. Thompson,	p Mrs. Esther Manny,
p George Eager, Jr.,	p Mary O. Burnett,
p Ida La Hommedieu,	p Phebe Jennings,
p Ada Crist,	c Henry C. Smith, M.D.
c Mrs. Minnie E. Smith,	p Mrs. Eliza Clearwater
p Ideletta C. Sears,	p Hannah M. Sheard,
p Laura H. Smedes,	c Mrs. Jane Chambers,
p Mrs. Mary F. Hackley,	c Allan Cameron,
c Mrs. Agnes Cameron,	c C. H. Van Blarcom,
c Fanny J. W. Van Blarcom	c Mrs. Mary L. Bodine,

1886.

p Sarah E. Mott,	c Mrs. Sarah A. Waring
p Mrs. Ruth A. Jennings,	p Katie Crist,
p Emma Ketcham,	p Jennie M. Leeper,
p Mary David,	p Mary Bell Crist,
p Clara L. Crist,	p John E. Logan,
p Mrs. Jannette R. Scott,	p Eliza Sears,
p Townsend Bull,	c Mrs. Mary McComb
c Mrs. Ellen Mowbray,	[Bull.

1887.

c Jennie Morris,	p David B. Squires,
p Mrs Mary C. Squires,	p Charles Borland Hill,
p Miller Van Keuren,	p Mrs. E. M. VanKeuren,
c Joseph Stratton,	c Emma Stratton,
p Mary Lawson Hackley,	p Sally Stratton Hackley
p Cornelius D. Hawkins,	

1888.

p Mary Elizabeth Comfort,	p Anna M. Gillespie,
p Delia Giles Bull,	p Mary Ann Stanley,
p Charles R. Stanley,	p Chas. Harvey Harris,
p Lizzie M. Chambers,	p Susie B. Chambers,
p W. H. Senior, Jr.,	p N. P. Hill,
p George Eager, M. D.,	p Mrs. Anna C. Bever,
p Joseph Stanley,	p Mrs. Charles Crist,
p George Stewart,	p Estella Thompson,
p Mrs. Anna G. Hallett,	p Ada Deyo,
p Fanny R. Morris,	p Maggie E. Morris,
p Leah B. Morris,	p John Miller,
c Mrs. Carrie M. Turton,	

1889.

p Jonathan Hawkins,	p Titus Bull,
p Harry W. Vanderoef,	c Mrs. Leah Lindsay,
p Lizzie C. Vauderoef,	p Julia N. Crist,
c Mortimer Reeve,	c Mrs. Fannie Reeve,
c Miss Charlotte T. Reeve.	

1890.

c Elsie J. Ostrander, Ref. Church, Shawangunk.  
 c Edna Hawkins, Pres. Church, Hamptonburgh.  
 c Rachel Hawkins, " "  
 p S. Alice Norris.

## PRESENT MEMBERS.

Moses McMonegal,	Theodore L. Jackson,
Mary B. Tuttle,	Ann Morris,
William E. Sears,	Harriet Louisa Kimbark
Eveline Graham,	Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett,
Mrs. Georgiana Gridley,	James O. Miller,
Mrs. Mary Ann Senior,	Mrs. Marriett Caldwell,
Julia Hart,	Margaret B. Wait,
Peter E. Miller,	Thomas Helms,
Mrs. Jane S. Miller,	Keturah McMonagle,
Julia Graham,	Mrs. E. Van Keuren,
Mrs. Susan M. Wilkin,	Mrs. Frances M. Crist,
Mrs. Eliza H. Conning,	Electus Douglass,
Mrs. Sarah E. Douglass,	Mrs. Margaret Eager,
Carrie L. Gridley,	Mr. Isaac Wiley,
Mrs. Jane Wiley,	Daniel M. Wade,
Charlotte C. Wade,	Mrs. Sarah Van Keuren,
Mrs. Mary Leeper,	William L. McKinney,
Virginia Conning,	James Vanderoef,
Mrs. Harriet Vanderoef,	John J. Vanderoef,
Mrs. Charles Miller,	Frederick Bodine,
Mrs. Keturah Mead,	Mrs. Eliza McKinney,
Mrs. Nancy McNeal,	Catharine H. Crist,
Mrs. Julia K. Hill,	Egbert I. Norris,
Mrs. Jane E. Norris,	Mary Anna Miller,

Mrs. Sarah J. Decker,	Amelia Decker,
Mrs. Anna Lees,	Lilian Helms,
Cæsaia Hornbeck,	William H. Senior,
Mrs. Bessie Senior,	George E. Senior,
Hannah Sears,	Mrs. Mary Ann Mead,
Isabella Mead,	Margaret Miller.
Jane Miller,	Georgiana B. Gillespie,
Harriet Vanderoef,	Hannah Luquere,
Jane E. Wiley,	Mrs. Hannah Deyo,
Mrs. Olive Helms,	Mrs. Sylvester Morris,
Mrs. Persis M. Forsyth,	Emma F. Millinger,
Edward W. Miller,	Alanson H. Gillespie,
Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie,	Henry V. McNeal,
Agnes H. McNeal,	James H. Van Keuren,
Cecilia J. Crist,	George Senior,
Stephen D. Wilkin,	John J. Van Keuren,
Mary E. Van Keuren,	Susan Mapes,
Mary Alice Burnett,	Mrs. Esther H. Miller,
Georgiana Decker,	Emeline G. Jennings,
Jacob H. Gillespie,	Mrs. Sarah D. Ketcham,
Mrs. Sarah M. Gillespie,	Alice S. Gillespie,
John J. Decker,	William Titus,
Mrs. Martha Titus,	Mrs. Elizabeth B. Smith,
Mrs. Mary E. Conning,	Elizabeth McVoy,
Mrs. Mary Comfort,	Margaret C. Wilson,
Susan Virginia Crawford,	Matilda Barnes,
Alnetta Gillespie,	Mrs. Anna J. Vanderoef,
Bartram G. Leeper,	James Sheard,

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Mary Sheard,	Mrs. Mary F. Crist,
Mrs. Annie Millspaugh,	Mrs. Laura M. Weller,
Mary C. Decker,	Sarah B. Schoonmaker,
Matthew Smedes,	Sophia B. M. Smedes,
Georgiana Smedes,	Catharine J. Smedes,
Fanny Smedes,	Anna B. Sears,
Sarah S. Hawkins,	Fanny K. Norris,
Mrs. Emily Lawson,	Anna Lawson,
Isabella Lawson,	Ida Wilkin,
Margaret Lynch,	George H. Van Keuren,
William H. Thompson,	Mrs. Susan Thompson,
Mary C. Thompson,	Mrs. Esther Manny,
George Eager, Jr.,	Phebe Jennings,
Mrs. Eliza Clearwater,	Idelette C. Sears,
Hannah M. Sheard,	Laura H. Smedes,
Mrs. Jane M. Chambers,	Mrs. Mary F. Hackley,
C. H. Van Blarcom,	Fanny J. Van Blarcom,
Mrs. Mary L. Bodine,	Sarah E. Mott,
Mrs. Ruth A. Jennings,	Katie Crist,
Emma Ketcham,	Jennie M. Leeper,
Mary Bell Crist,	Clara L. Crist,
John E. Logan,	Mrs. Jannetta R. Scott,
Eliza Sears,	Townsend Bull,
Mrs. Mary McComb Bull,	Mrs. Ellen E. Mowbray,
Jennie Norris,	Daniel B. Squires,
Mrs. Mary C. Squires,	Charles Borland Hill,
Miller Van Keuren,	Mrs. E. M. VanKeuren,
Joseph Stratton,	Emma Stratton,



Mary Lawson Hackley,  
 Cornelius D. Hawkins,  
 Anna M. Gillespie,  
 Mary Ann Stanley,  
 Charles Harvey Harris,  
 Susie B. Chambers,  
 N. P. Hill,  
 Mrs. Anna C. Bever,  
 Estella Thompson,  
 Ada Deyo,  
 Maggie E. Morris,  
 John Miller,  
 Titus Bull,  
 Mrs. Leah Lindsay,  
 Julia N. Crist,  
 Mrs. Fannie Reeve,

Sally Stratton Hackley,  
 Mary Elizabeth Comfort  
 Delia Giles Bull,  
 Charles R. Stanley,  
 Lizzie M. Chambers,  
 William H. Senior, Jr.,  
 George Eager, M. D.,  
 Joseph Stanley,  
 Mrs. Anna G. Hallett,  
 Fannie R. Morris,  
 Leab B. Morris,  
 Jonathan Hawkins,  
 Harry W. Vanderoef,  
 Lizzie C. Vanderoef,  
 Mortimer Reeve,  
 Miss Charlotte T. Reeve

Elsie J. Ostrander,  
 Rachel Hawkins.

Edna Hawkins,  
 S. Alice Norris.

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## CONFESSION OF FAITH.

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I. YOU BELIEVE, That there is one only living and true GOD, infinitely perfect, the Creator, Preserver, and governor of all things; that this one GOD exists mysteriously in three persons, the FATHER, the SON and the HOLY GHOST, the same in substance, and equal in all perfections.

II. That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of GOD, the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

III. That our first Parents were made perfectly holy; but, by disobedience, fell from the state in which they were created; in consequence of which, all their posterity are, by nature entirely sinful.

IV. That GOD, in his infinite and sovereign mercy, has provided a SAVIOUR, even JESUS CHRIST, His dearly beloved and only begotten SON, who having become incarnate, by his obedience unto death, "even the death of the Cross," made a complete atonement for sin; so that, all who believe in Him obtain the forgiveness of their sins and a sure title to eternal life.

V. That salvation is freely offered to all; but that all mankind having by nature that carnal

mind which "is enmity against God," are so completely sinful that no one will repent of sin and believe in CHRIST, until GOD, according to His determinate and eternal counsel, renew his heart, by the sovereign and efficacious influence of his Holy Spirit.

VI. That all true believers persevere in faith and holiness, being kept by the power of GOD through faith unto salvation.

VII. That the Law of GOD, which requires perfect holiness of heart and life, is the rule which Christians are bound to observe.

VIII. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Christian ordinances; the latter of which is to be administered only to professing believers; and the former to professing believers and to their households.

IX. That it is the duty of heads of families to maintain family religion by habitual religious instruction, and daily prayer with their households.

X. That the first day of the week, "The Lord's day," is to be strictly observed in obedience to the fourth commandment as the Christian Sabbath.

XI. That at the end of the world, there will be a Resurrection of the bodies of all mankind, and a day of judgment; when CHRIST, the Judge, will sentence the wicked to endless punishment, and receive the righteous to life everlasting.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.

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Beloved in the Lord: You present yourselves in this manner before God and those who are here to witness this transaction, that you may devote these, your children, to God in the ordinance of baptism. The transaction is not a device of man, or a mere formal ceremony. It is an appointment of Jesus Christ, significant in its import, and involving solemn responsibilities. The application of water to your children, in the name of the Trinity, will not, of itself, effect their renovation, or secure their salvation. It reminds you, however, that they are, by nature, entirely destitute of holiness and totally depraved, and so stand in need of cleansing by the blood of Christ and the renovating influence of His spirit, and that God has been pleased to enter into a gracious covenant with His people, through the Redeemer, and to give them a seal, or outward confirmation of this covenant, and of His faithfulness to its promises. In this transaction you profess your faith and personal interest in this covenant, and declare your conviction that these children, whom God has given to you, also have a part in the covenant, and stand so related to it that it is proper to apply the seal of the covenant to them. You also

profess to consecrate these children to God, to be His, acknowledging His right to use and dispose of them according to His own pleasure, and your obligation to train them up, in all the methods of His appointment, for His service. Let me remind you that the fulfillment of the obligation will put in requisition all your wisdom, and all the gracious aids which God has promised to His believing people. It will be incumbent on you, according to the measure of your ability, to instruct these, your children, in the principles of the religion which you profess; to restrain them from sin; to set before them a godly example; and to pray with and for them.

These, and all other known duties incumbent on you as Christian parents, do you, with the help of God, engage to perform?

[Baptism is here administered, and prayer offered for the Divine approval and blessing.]

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## THE PUBLIC WELCOME OF MEMBERS.

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You do, now, solemnly and publicly confess the Lord to be your God; you dedicate to Him your soul and body, your time, talent, influence, and all that you possess; and you promise, in reliance upon His grace, to live a sober and godly

life, in the denial of all unrighteousness, and to endeavor, in all your conduct, to adorn the doctrine of God, your Saviour, by a faithful discharge of all your obligations, public and private, as the disciples of Christ.

You engage to walk in Christian fellowship with this church, to study her peace and prosperity, to honor her discipline, to observe her ordinances, and to co-operate with her in sustaining at home, and in sending abroad, the privileges and institutions of the Gospel.

You also promise to maintain your Christian profession and to hold fast your Christian vows, wherever you may be called to reside; and that, should you have occasion to change your church relation, you will endeavor to effect the change in an orderly manner, and without any unnecessary delay.

*Do you thus covenant?*

[The church standing will then, through the officiating Minister, welcome the new members in the following words:]

In view of these professions we, the officers and members of this church, cordially greet you as the disciples of Jesus Christ, and as members of His body. In His name, we welcome you to

fellowship with us in the duties and labors, in the hopes and joys of the Gospel.

“The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

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THE UNDERSIGNED, having been duly appointed a committee to prepare and publish a brief history of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Montgomery Village, N. Y., hereby submit the foregoing as the result of their labors, with the hope that it may meet the approval of the congregation.

THEODORE L. JACKSON,  
FREDERIC BODINE.

Dated, June 1st, 1890.

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