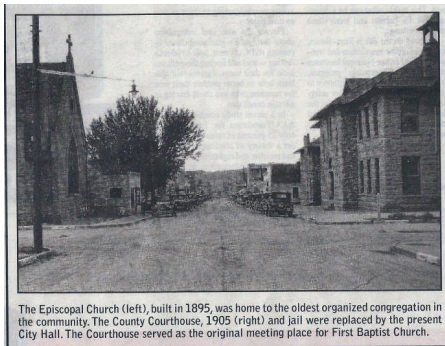


THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (EPISCOPAL)
GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

OUR HISTORY ¹

During the summer of 1892, a group began to hold Episcopal services in the Knights of Pythias Hall on Railroad Ave. opposite the old depot in Gallup, NM. The Church of the Holy Spirit was formally organized as a mission on August 28, 1892. On that date, eleven people were baptized by the first Vicar, the Rev. Ernest A. Osborn, and four were confirmed by the Rt. Rev. John Mills Kendrick, Bishop. As the first Protestant congregation in Gallup, membership in the early years included Methodists and Congregationalists.

After meeting for three years in temporary locations, the congregation received a small, fully furnished church building as a memorial to the Rt. Rev. Gregory Thurston Bedell III, Bishop of Ohio, from his widow. The first permanent location of the Church of the Holy Spirit was in what is now downtown Gallup, at the corner of Aztec and Second Street. The cornerstone was laid May 19, 1895, and the first service was in September of 1895. The church was almost immediately broken into and contents stolen.



The Episcopal Church (left), built in 1895, was home to the oldest organized congregation in the community. The County Courthouse, 1905 (right) and jail were replaced by the present City Hall. The Courthouse served as the original meeting place for First Baptist Church.



First Church Building

First church location at 2nd & Aztec

One of the unique features of the old church was the steel girders and bars on the outside to reinforce it after the structure was damaged during an earthquake in 1908.

1. *This History is an update and expansion of that included in the July 1992 Profile of the Church of the Holy Spirit, the history portion of which was written by Mrs. Sally Noe, lifelong parishioner of Holy Spirit and historian. It includes further information gleaned from other summaries by Mrs. Noe as well as information from the church archives and a history of Good Shepherd Mission in Ft. Defiance, AZ.*

CLOSE TIES TO GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION AND NAVAJOLAND

According to "The Good Shepherd Mission to the Navajo, Formerly Known as 'The Hospital of the Good Shepherd'" by J. Rockwood Jenkins, retired Archdeacon of Arizona, the ties between the Church of the Holy Spirit in Gallup and Good Shepherd Mission in Ft. Defiance have been quite close. That publication states:

In August of that year, (1897), Bishop Kendrick made his first "visitation". He was accompanied by **the Rev. Mr. Manuel** of our recently organized Mission at Gallup, for it was the Bishop's idea to have as close a connection as possible between these two neighbor Missions, and that the minister at Gallup should be as far as possible, the pastor, or chaplain of the hospital. On the occasion of this visit they held a service in the dining room of the government school; but more significant still was a baptism held at the hospital.

Archdeacon Jenkins' history subsequently states:

For a closer spiritual supervision than he alone could give, Bishop Kendrick planned to appoint officially our Missionary in Gallup as "Chaplain", and this plan worked out satisfactorily for several years. At this particular time the Chaplain was **the Rev. Mr. Garrison**, and he made frequent trips over the thirty miles of terrible roads to reach the hospital, and his successor at Gallup, **the Rev. Robert Reminson**, accompanied the Bishop to Fort Defiance in February of 1899. They also held a service at the government school, and at the Mission the Bishop baptized three children and celebrated the Holy Communion. This was the first Communion service to be held at the Mission.

Further reference is made to **the Rev. W. R. Seaborne**, who "piloted" a new doctor "over the long, rough trail to Fort Defiance" and who, in June of 1902, made a visit of his own, the story of which he recounted in "The Bishop's Quarterly" for October:

On Tuesday, June 17th, I had the pleasure of a drive to the Navajo Mission hospital near Fort Defiance, where I found fourteen candidates for the rite of holy baptism. Five of these were young men--and it was their own desire and request that they were received into "Christ's flock". It would be difficult to describe the great improvement made in the whole make up of these young people, who a short time before were no way different from the rest of their tribe"

Over the years, many of the original furnishings from the first Holy Spirit church facility were scattered among missions across the Navajo Reservation. In many instances, replacement was accomplished through the fund-raising activities of the women's guilds of the church.

HOLY SPIRIT BECOMES A PARISH — AND THEN A MISSION ONCE AGAIN

The parish became self-supporting in 1945. Community growth following World War II was reflected in the rising number of communicants. However,

to many of the management and professional people who came here, Gallup was a rung on the corporate ladder, and their stays were short.

To meet the needs of its growing post-war congregation, in 1953 the Church of the Holy Spirit built a new facility in a residential neighborhood. This building provided ample space for a variety of parish life programs.

During the 1970's and 1980's, unsettled social and economic conditions disbursed many of the church's families to other locales. Several long periods without a resident priest reduced programs and services. With these reductions, financial problems increased.

The congregation was delinquent for two years in its financial support to the diocese and virtually broke. The Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Richard Trelease, withdrew parish status in 1987 and installed mission status until the financial problems could be resolved.

By October, 1989, the Church of the Holy Spirit had satisfied its diocesan arrearages and, with the concurrence of then Bishop Terence Kelshaw, employed a part-time Vicar, the Rev. Philip R. West. The church contracted for his services for four days each week, with proportional compensation.

During the period 1989-1992, the congregation made substantial repairs to its building, including a new roof, a new boiler, and re-stuccoing the Parish Hall, without incurring debt.

THE CHURCH BUILDING



Church on Country Club Drive,
just completed 1953



Consecration Service 6/12/53

The second permanent church facility, located at 1334 Country Club Drive, was dedicated on June 12, 1953. The October, 1953 edition of The Southwest Churchman, the "official organ of the Diocese of New Mexico and Southwest Texas of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," described the building in this way:

“The new structure is of southwestern modern design, and is marked as a church only by a large wooden cross on the ornamental stone wall. The structure cost approximately \$80,000.00.

It is a low silhouette, one story building, built in an L shape to include the church, the parish hall, the sacristy and the offices. The church is 80 x 30 feet and the parish hall 50 x 56 feet.

The new church will seat two hundred persons and is the result of much hard work and prayer on the part of both the rector and the congregation.



Nave interior
June 1977, before remodel

In 1977, extensive remodeling of the Nave was completed.

On August 24, 1986, stained glass windows created by the artist Barbara Chavez-Stromberg were dedicated. These windows were memorials as follows:

BAPTISM: Given to the Glory of God by the congregation.

CONFIRMATION: Given to the Glory of God by the Daughters of the King

EUCCHARIST: Given to the Glory of God by Chris, Jennie and Carmen DiGregorio



MARRIAGE: Given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wallace by Mr. and Mrs. George Stanton



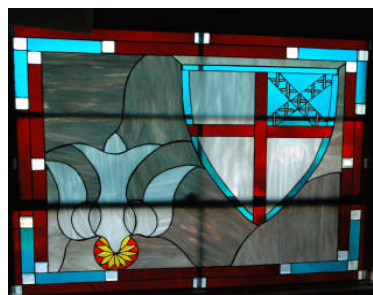
HEALING: Given to the Glory of God by the Balm in Gilead Healing Team, 1979

CREATION: Given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Taylor

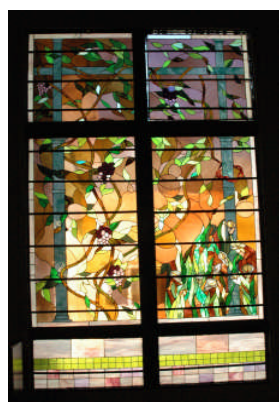
COVENANT: Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of M. L. Woodard and Laudis Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Woodard

FREEDOM: Given to the Glory of God in memory of Katharine McAntire Woodworth by Sally Noe

WISDOM: Given to the Gory of God in memory of the Reverend Lawrence Cantrel



PROPHECY: Given by the Eubanks family in thanksgiving for their time of ministry in this Parish



PRAISE: Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of John E. Perry by his wife Irene

SIGNATURE WINDOW: Given to the Glory of God in memory of Madge and Charles Newcombe

ALTAR WINDOW: Given to the Glory of God in memory of Peggy Williams

During the summer of 2010, the Nave was once again refurbished, removing the carpeting and installing tiled floors; repainting; replacing the light fixtures; and installing air conditioning. A service of rededication was held on August 16, 2010.

Worship Space before 2010
refurbishment



Worship in refurbished Nave,
August 2010

HOLY SPIRIT TODAY

Today, the Church of the Holy Spirit is a warm, loving, vibrant part of the Body of Christ. Here's some of what we are up to:

Worship: Our regular Sunday worship service times are at 8:00 am and 10:30 am, with Evensong at 4:00 pm on the first Sunday of October (Blessing of the Animals!), December, February (with Afternoon Tea at 3:00 pm), and April.

On every other first Thursday at 7:00 pm we have an Ecumenical Christian Healing Service, with Eucharist.

From September through April, we have Compline each Wednesday evening around 8:15 pm, as part of our Midweek Refreshment.

Christian Formation: On Sundays at 9:15 am we have Christian Formation for adults. During the first part of the 10:30 worship service we have Children's Church School.

From September through April, on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm there is **Midweek Refreshment** — a time of fellowship, Christian Formation, and worship.

On the last Friday of each month, we have **Popcorn Theology** — a time to get together, enjoy free popcorn and sodas, watch a movie, and then discuss the gospel message or implications of the movie we have watched.

Fellowship: We love to have fun together — at our regular fellowship times on Sunday mornings and our special Birthday/Anniversary Potluck Bashes every other month.

Our **Foyer Groups** meet monthly at someone's home — for a simple supper and Christian fellowship.

The **Joy Seekers** have all sorts of adventures — hikes, meals out, plays, musical events, trips to fun places, etc. And they also put on special fund-raising events (like pancake suppers or spaghetti dinners) to benefit worthy causes.

Outreach : As individuals and as a church family, we reach out to the community with Christian compassion and love. In addition to special projects that support the Episcopal Church's Relief and Development activities around the world, locally we provide particular financial and hands-on support to:



Battered Families Services, Inc. as they seek to bring safety, stability, and peace to families impacted by domestic violence.

CARE 66, with their work of providing a "hand up" to people who are homeless.



The
Community Pantry
No mother's child should go hungry

The Community Pantry, with their mission of acquiring, storing, and distributing wholesome food to children, the elderly, and families in need.

The Clergy

1892-1896	Ernest A Osborn	1964	Geo. A. Stracke
1896-1897	Joseph Manuel	1964-1967	Donald L. Campbell
1897	Octavius Parker?	1968-1969	R.H. Chamion
1898	Wm. Wyllie	1969-1975	Alfred C. Krader
1899	Robert Benison	1975	Frederick J. Eastman
1899-1903	W. Rolfe Seaborne	1976-1981	James F. Eubanks
1908	Fletcher Cook	1981-1983	F.J. Reddon
1912-1913	W.E. Warren	1983-1987	Dallas B. Decker
1914	Charles E. Marimon	1987-1989	Cynthia Worthington
1915	Williams	88, 89	Phil West
1916-1919	David A. Sanford	88, 89	Jack Russell
1919-1920	Cyril H. Boddington	1989-1992	Philip R. West
1920-1924	A.J.G. Dowie	1992-1993	Marlene Tohill
1926-1928	Joseph Hooker Darling	1992-1993	Harland Birdwell
1930	Joseph H. Smyth	1993-1995	Addison Hart
1931-1941	Henry H. Heard	1995-1996	James Sigman
1941-1942	Glion Benson	1996	David L. Jasner
1943	Ralph H Channon	1996-2001	Edward S. Richmond
1943	J. L. Malone	2002-2005	Eric Craig
1944-1948	Robert N. MacCallmany	2005-2007	A. H. (Pete) Turner
1948-1959	Lawrence Cantrel	2007-present	Roger S. & Lynn J.
1959	James Paget		Perkins, Co- Vicars
1959-1963	Charles W. Dawson		