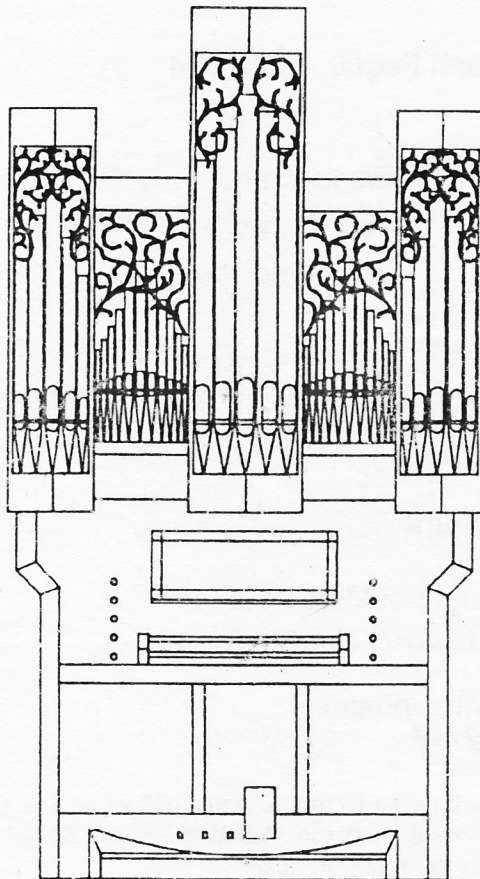


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ALVA, OKLAHOMA

Presents



MARILYN MASON, Organist

Sunday, August 22, 1999, 2:30 p.m.

Surrounded by all The Saints

PROGRAM

Tocatta, Adagio and Fugue, BWV 564 J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Variations "Heil dir, im Siegeskranz" J. C. Rinck
(1770-1846)

Sung first July 4 1832 in Boston

Committed To Amer.

American Composers

Two Hymn Preludes William Bolcom
(b. 1936)

Abide with Me
Sweet Hour of Prayer*

Two Spirituals (1998)# Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

Chimes

This Little Light of Mine
Were You There?

Yankee Doodle, with variations James Hewitt
(1770-1827)

Cymbal Pub 1807

The earliest reference to this was in 1768 when the *Boston Journal of the Times* mentioned the "Yankee Doodle Song" as being "the capital piece in the band of music."

Variations on "The Austrian Hymn" John Knowles Paine
(1839-1906)

*Commissioned by Lorraine Ray

#Commissioned by Marilyn Mason

Before and after Dr. Short's Saturday presentation, there will special opportunities to meet and greet former members, gather with friends, view videos that depict past celebrations, and take advantage of other interest centers.

SUNDAY, May 16

with **Robert L. Short**
Celebration through Worship
and Fellowship

We will join together on Sunday Morning for a Service of Corporate Worship. Dr. Short will make a second presentation and our Sanctuary Choir, under the able leadership of Director of Music, Dr. James A. Shrader, who is also the Director of Choral and Vocal Studies at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, and our organist Dr. Rodney C. Murrow, also Associate Professor of Music at NWOSU, will provide soul-stirring and inspirational music.

A Catered Meal will follow the Worship Service, for which reservations will be sought at the appropriate time.

THIRD CELEBRATION

August 22

with **Marilyn Mason** and
Robert H. Meneilly
Celebration through Worship and
Remembering

Sunday morning, August 22, 1999, the Sunday nearest the actual Centennial Anniversary date of August 20th, we will gather in the Sanctuary for Celebration and Praise. World-renowned Marilyn Mason, an accomplished organist with an international reputation, will return to her roots and open the day with a recital of organ selections that will lead us to praise God

and to thank him for Marilyn. Everyone even remotely associated with this church knows Marilyn and is knowledgeable of her credentials, not the least of which as Head of the Organ Department at the University of Michigan for many years and her annual concert tours of Europe, performing on some of the finest musical instruments ever built.

Our preacher for this momentous occasion is the prominent and premier Presbyterian preacher Dr. Robert H. Meneilly, HR, founding Pastor of the Village Presbyterian Church, Prairie Village, KS, where he served 47 years - his one and only pastorate! PVPC grew from 282 Charter Members in 1947 to 7,700 members in 1994, the second largest Presbyterian Church in the USA at the time of his retirement. Dr. Meneilly has served the Presbyterian Church at every level and has been a participant in innumerable gatherings, including an occasion in 1972 when he visited with the leaders of four world powers around the Paris Peace Table. He is a founding member of the Board of the Interfaith Alliance in Washington, DC, and has been instrumental in the workings of boards and agencies dedicated to the relief of suffering and injustice, from which many honors have been bestowed for his service.

There will be a Catered Meal following Morning Worship, for which reservations will be secured at the appropriate time.

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!

1899-1999

"Then, Now, Forever"

SPECIAL ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS
REMINDERS OF THESE SIGNIFICANT
CELEBRATIONS

LET'S CELEBRATE!

First Presbyterian Church
Alva, Oklahoma

1899 - 1999

Centennial Celebration

1999 - A WHOLE YEAR
OF CELEBRATION

"THEN, NOW, FOREVER"

FIRST CELEBRATION

March 7-9

with **Joanna M. Adams** Celebration through Preaching and Teaching

Our Centennial Celebration will focus first on a series of *Preaching/Teaching Services*. Our honored guest will be the very distinguished **Joanna M. Adams**, Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA, a 2,000+ member congregation and second largest church in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with a woman as Head of Staff. Currently Dr. Adams serves as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary. Her contributions to our denomination are legion, including being the preacher for the General Assembly in both 1986 and 1997, the Protestant Hour, the PCUSA Peacemaking 2000 Conference, Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, the Chautauqua Institution in New York, and at numerous Presbyterian gatherings and ecumenical events around the country. Active in her community in vital and significant ways, including founding Vice-President and President of *Our House Day Shelter for Homeless Children*, Founding Chairperson of the Atlanta area *Task Force on Homelessness*, and on the Board of Directors of both *M.A.G.I.C. [Making AIDs Go Away in Children]* and *Genesis Shelter* in Atlanta, Joanna has written and published extensively. She is the wife of Alfred B. Adams, III, Attorney, and they are parents of grown children Elizabeth and Sam.

Sunday Morning, March 7th - Preach at
Morning Worship
A Carry-in Dinner will follow.

Sunday Evening, March 7th - Preach at
Evening Worship

Monday Morning, March 8th - Informal
Teaching Session
Light refreshments will be served.

Monday Evening, March 8th - Preach at
Evening Worship

Tuesday Morning, March 9th - Informal
Teaching Session
Light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday Evening, March 9th - Preach at
Evening Worship

SECOND CELEBRATION May 14-16

Friday, May 14th

with **Jerome L. Wells** Celebration through Music

An evening of exceptional organ music will be provided by **Jerome L. Wells**, currently Organist-Choirmaster at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Beaumont, TX, a position he has held since August, 1994. Formerly, he held the positions of Organist-Choirmaster at Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA, for eighteen years and Organist-Director of B'NAI ZION TEMPLE, Shreveport, for eleven of those years. It was during the years 1976-1991 that Mr. Wells and Mr. Laverty worked together in Shreveport.

Jerome graduated from Centenary College of Louisiana, receiving the "*Outstanding Achievement in Music*" Award in 1974. He earned the Master of Music degree in Organ Performance at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he was a student of Robert Glasgow and where he became acquainted with Marilyn Mason. He was the featured recitalist for the Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists in Albuquerque, NM, and was honored in 1987 as organist for the Opening Convocation of the American Guild of Organists Regional Convention in San Antonio, TX. He has served as Adjunct Professor and Lecturer in Music at Centenary College, and is a

member of the Association of Anglican Musicians, serving by appointment of the Bishop on the Church Music Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. During the 1997 season, he served as Conductor for the Beaumont Interfaith Choral Society.

The Friday evening Organ Recital will accomplish several notable objectives: match exceptional talent with an exceptional instrument, offer music rich in the tradition of the "King of Instruments," and provide the satisfaction that comes when familiar music long in the forefront of church music is presented with energy and excitement.

SATURDAY, May 15th

with **Robert L. Short** Celebration through Sight and Sound

Saturday afternoon will be a *memorable* occasion. Dr. **Robert L. Short**, author of *The Gospel According to Peanuts* [the #1 non-fiction U.S. best seller of 1965 and one of the TOP TEN *all-time* religious best sellers in the U.S.] will make a visual/verbal presentation on "*The Gospel According to Calvin and Hobbes.*" Dr. Short is a native of Texas, worked as a professional actor with the Margo Jones Theatre in Dallas, directed the production department of WFAA-TV in Dallas, and later served as the Director of Radio and Television for the Dallas Council of Churches. At Southern Methodist University, he directed the Wesley Players acting group. A graduate of Oklahoma University, he holds the Master of Divinity degree from S.M.U. Too, he has a Master's degree in Religious Studies in Theology and Literature from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and finished an M.A. degree in Systematic Theology at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. An ordained Presbyterian (U.S.A.) minister, Bob is serving presently as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, AR.