

The Organizing Worship Service and Congregational Meeting

The Worship service was begun with the Call to Worship by Rev. Herb Underwood. Rev. David Wiseman of Cary Presbyterian Church offered a Prayer for Organization. Dot Bass led the Invocation and Bob Stoops gave the Scripture Lesson from Ephesians 2: 19-22, and 5: 25-27. Dr. William McCorkle delivered the sermon which was entitled The Church and Her Future.

The Organization Service was led by Herb Underwood who first questioned the fifteen charter members who were to be received by profession and reaffirmation of faith. The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to two of these members. Rev. Underwood then presented 77 charter members who were to be received by transfer of church letter. Following the presentation of charter members, Rev. Underwood declared the organization of the church saying, "I now pronounce and declare that you are constituted a church according to the Word of God and the faith and order of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

A Congregational Meeting was then called to order by Organizing Pastor Dr. Eugene Witherspoon, Jr. The first order of business was to elect Ruling Elders. Ordained and installed were Louise Crawford, Frank DuBose, Janet Holcombe, Carl Osman, and Keith Williams. Installed were Bill Abernethy, Leon Gabriel, Claude Greene, Fred Manley and Ed Wilson.

The second order of business was to confirm the selection of the church name. From the Session minutes: "A motion was made and passed that the newly organized Congregation be known as The Kirk of Kildaire, Presbyterian."