

FORM AND ORDER FOR
THE LAYING OF THE NEW CORNERSTONE
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Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth,
even forever.

RESPONSIVE READING:

Minister: Blessed be Thou, Lord God of our
fathers, forever and ever.

People: Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and
the power, and the glory, and the victory,
and the majesty; for all that is in the
heaven and in the earth is Thine.

Minister: Thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou
art exalted as Head over all.

People: Both riches and honor come of Thee, and
Thou reignest over all.

Minister: And in Thine hand is power and might;
and in Thine hand it is to make great,
and to give strength unto all.

People: Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee,
and praise Thy glorious name.

Minister: But who are we, and what are our people,
that we should be able to offer so
willingly after this sort?

People: For all things come of Thee, and of
Thine own have we given Thee.

Minister: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 3:10-17

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker
of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of
the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended
into hell; The third day He rose again from the
dead; He ascended into heaven; And sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Cath-
olic Church; The Communion of Saints; The For-
giveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body;
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

LAYING OF THE NEW CORNERSTONE

by the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake

In The name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, we lay this stone
of the building here erected under the name
of The First Presbyterian Church, and devoted
to the worship of Almighty God.

Other foundation can no man lay than that
is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF REDEDICATION

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

The Workingman in Church

WE UNITED PRESBYTERIANS are constantly reminded that ours is too exclusively a middle-class church! Also, we are told that Protestantism is in danger of losing an increasingly larger number of our population who works with their hands.

The danger is real. It has already happened in Europe, especially in Britain, where the workingman who goes to church is an eccentric among his fellows. The church, in the view of the English laboring class, is for people who work in business suits.

Now all Christians believe that the Founder of our faith died that *all* men might have life. If he made no exceptions, we dare not. A congregation of his church is complete only where it contains a representative cross section of every lawful occupation in the community it serves.

This writer has been privileged to meet many United Presbyterian laymen, deacons, and elders who work with their hands and a number of ministers of labor-class background. But I am convinced that we need more such men and their families in our church. They bring to our worship and our councils an insight and experience that we cannot have without them.

One good medieval Christian concept that seemed to get lost somewhere after the Reformation was the idea of the church as the whole *community* of God. Private clubs and associations formed of particular occupations or social classes have their useful place—but not in the church of Jesus Christ, who calls all men to come unto him.

