

PRESTON PRESBYTERIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Dedication of Church Furniture
December 1988

The Lectern

MINISTER: Dearly beloved we learn from the holy scripture that it is meet and right that we should set apart that which we use for the worship of God, and dedicate such to religious uses. We are, therefore, now assembled for the purpose of dedicating this lectern, along with its riser base,

MINISTER: The Lord is in his holy temple.

PEOPLE: Let all the earth keep silence before him.

MINISTER: I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple. And one of the seraphim cried unto another, saying:

MINISTER AND PEOPLE: Holy, holy, holy. Lord, God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.

MINISTER: Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.

PEOPLE: How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?

MINISTER: The Scripture declares "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!"

To the task of holding the written Word of God,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this lectern.

MINISTER: To the proclaiming of the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the reading of the scriptures,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this lectern.

MINISTER: To the inspiring awakening and comforting of the souls of people, that they may be fed with spiritual food,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this lectern.

MINISTER: To the glory of God and the service of man and in gratitude to master craftsman, Hank Baker, his wife Charlotte and son Jess,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this lectern.

The Pulpit Chairs

MINISTER: (Our tribute to Robert and Phyllis Acock...ending with:)

To the glory of God, author of all goodness and beauty, giver of all skill of mind and heart,