

The Historic Parsells Church
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Imagine hearing the sounds of a rare 1925 Skinner pipe organ followed by the sounds of a modern praise team and band. Would they be compatible? They are, to the glory of God, at The Historic Parsells Church.

The newest church in the Region is also very old. God makes all things new, and this is a good example of that.

The Historic Parsells Church launches on Resurrection Day, April 5. The rebirth of the church will manifest itself with a sunrise service at 6 AM, breakfast at 8 AM, and the inaugural service at 11 AM.



This is the result of Parsells Avenue Community Church and Christ Community Church of Rochester coming together as one, under the leadership of the Rev. Marlowe V.N. Washington. We are one body, the Body of Christ, and in our unity there is harmony and strength. The two congregations recognize the sense of meaning and history in each name, and so we retain elements of both as we become *The Historic Parsells Church: A Dynamic Christ Community*. Our new name and slogan are offered as praise to Jesus Christ, the Name Above All Names.

It is significant that this happens in the year 2015. The year marks several milestones in the church's history:

- The 5th anniversary of the creation of Christ Community Church, which began informally on June 20, 2010, and officially started on October 24, 2010.
- The 40th anniversary of the previous merge. On September 28, 1975, Parsells Avenue Baptist Church and East Side Memorial Presbyterian Church merged to form Parsells Avenue Community Church.
- The 90th anniversary of the sanctuary. On September 27, 1925, East Side Presbyterian Church laid the cornerstone for a new addition to its existing 1909 structure. The new sanctuary and tower were completed in 1926. Today, the entire building is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.
- The 120th anniversary of the Parsells Church name. On Thursday April 25, 1895, Parsells Avenue Baptist Church was incorporated.

We are now in the process of “repurposing” the church, but we’re taking our cue from the original intent of those who designed the structure. The church was built in the days before community centers, when the church was the focus of the neighborhood. Our goal is to reclaim Beechwood for Christ.

The church has a gymnasium and stage, but neither is usable right now. They will be, though. The neighborhood is filled with children and youth. Once restored, those areas of the building will be a big draw.

In addition to having classroom space, we envision turning the second floor into a Teen Center. Recently, a ten year old boy and his mother were touring our building on a trip from Ontario, Canada. When Pastor Marlowe began discussing the plan for the Teen Center, the boy pulled out a Canadian 20 dollar bill and said he must contribute to the new ministry! Pastor Marlowe was hesitant to accept such a donation from a young lad, but the boy was insistent. The mother converted the Canadian money into an American \$20. The young man knew instinctively the value of ministry to youth. He made the first contribution. Will you be the next donor?

We exist to BLESS the world, proclaiming the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in both word and deed.



THE Historic PARSELLS CHURCH
A Dynamic Christ Community

LAUNCH Sunday
APRIL 5, 2015
Easter Sunrise Service 6:00AM
Inaugural Celebration 11:00AM

April is going to be off the hook...don't miss it!
Every Wed. • 6PM - 7PM – Prayer Service | • 7PM - 8PM Bible Class

Rev. Marlowe V.N. Washington
 Pastor

APRIL'S SERMON & BIBLE CLASS SERIES!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH!

The Historic Parsells Church is open to serve! As we launch the new church and purpose, our pastor will show the power of building a kingdom mindset.

Sermon Series

"Can These Bones Live Again?"

5th Dried Up Brooks
 I Kings 17:18-16;
 John 20:11-16

12th Dry Bones Lives
 Ezekiel 37:7-10

19th LEAD! The Youth Worship
 Elder C.J. Rolle, Jr.,
 Preaching

26th Dry and Lovely
 Matthew 23:27-30

Pastor's Bible Class

Wednesday
 "Restoring the House of God"

8th Cleaning the House
 Hebrews 12:1-2

15th Everybody Has
 A House
 Acts 9:3-6

22nd Renovating the House
 2 Chronicles 34:18-21

29th State of the
 Community Address

Sunday's Minions Ministry Child Care

6 weeks - Kindergarten | 10:30am - 1:00pm