

Plymouth-Trinity United Church



Members of **Plymouth Congregational Church** (left) built the church on Dufferin Avenue at the bottom of Montreal Street in 1855. The *Plymouth* name has origins in New England.

Trinity Methodist Church (below) was built in 1886 on the corner of Court and William Streets.

On June 10, 1925, the congregations

of the Plymouth and Trinity churches became part of The United Church of Canada.

Sangster Memorial United Church on Denault Street held services from 1949 until it closed in 1968.

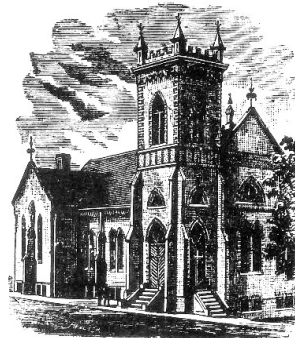
In 1971, the Plymouth and Trinity congregations merged to form **Plymouth-Trinity United Church**, worshipping in the Plymouth building.

When the churches came together, the Trinity building was demolished. However, the rose window, war memorial tablets and segments from the memorial windows were moved to the Plymouth building, along with the pulpit, communion table and font, which are in the chapel built in 1974.

Visit the Plymouth-Trinity church website for more information: www.plymouthtrinitychurch.org.

Our Mission

- As people of Plymouth-Trinity United Church, we strive to
- be a welcoming and caring community following the example of Jesus Christ;
 - share in meaningful worship for those who long to hear Good News;
 - deepen our faith and share it with people of all ages;
 - listen to and learn from our brothers and sisters of other faiths and denominations;
 - promote justice and peace in our city and in our world.



Our Congregation

We come from varying geographical and religious backgrounds, and many aspects of our congregational life reflect this diversity. We are bound by a strong congregational fabric and value times of fellowship.

Our worship is a mixture of contemporary and traditional styles. Music and the Children's Time are both integral parts of our services. We are working towards a greater use of French in worship, acknowledging our French-speaking parishioners.

We publish our church newsletter *Update* twice a year, with reports on past and future events and news about our church community. Our dedicated UCW group undertakes two major annual fundraising events and supports the congregation in many other ways.

Our building is wheelchair-accessible and has an elevator between the sanctuary and main hall.

Outreach

Our members and adherents are involved in more than 30 community groups. As a Jubilee community, we encourage the purchase of local and Fair Trade products. We engage in annual projects such as Lenten, fall and Christmas campaigns for local and overseas needs, as well as weekly offerings for the local food bank.

Members of Plymouth and Trinity Churches

Sherbrooke City Mayors

- Hon. Joseph G. Robertson – 7 terms 1854-1872; member of Quebec Legislative Assembly 1867-1892; Provincial Treasurer for 16 years.
- George G. Bryant – 1889-1890, 1896-1897
- Charles W. Cate, K.C. – 1910-1911
- J. Keith Edwards – 1926-1928
- Albert C. Skinner – 1930-1932
- Marcus T. Armitage – 1938-1940
- Alex C. Ross – 1942-1944
- Hon. Sen. Charles B. Howard – 1950-1952; member of Parliament 1925-1940 and of the Senate 1940-1964.

Members of the Legislative Assembly of Lower Canada and Canada East

- Samuel Brooks – 1829, 1844-1849
- Alexander Galt – 1849-1850, 1853-1867; Father of Confederation and Member of Parliament 1867-1872.
- John Sanborn – 1850-1853; member of the Senate 1867-1877.

Other Members of Parliament

- Edward T. Brooks – 1872-1882
- Frank N. McCrea – 1911-1917, 1921-1925

Private Citizens of Prominence

- Joseph Walton – 1802-1875: Owner and publisher of *The Sherbrooke Gazette and E.T. Advertiser* (1839) which became *The Sherbrooke Record*.
- Andrew Paton – 1833-1892: Founder of the Paton Manufacturing Co. woollen mills on the corner of King and Belvedere Streets.
- Samuel Foote Morey – 1845-1926: Founder of the Sherbrooke Public Library and Art Gallery; original promoter of the Elmwood Cemetery (1891).

The United Church of Canada

History

- Began in 1925 when Methodists, Congregationalists and 70% of Presbyterians united as one church;
- Is the largest Protestant denomination in Canada.

Beliefs

- Seeks to remain a uniting church;
- Acknowledges Jesus Christ as Saviour and strives to follow his teachings, strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit;
- Recognizes the historic creeds of the early Christian church;
- Celebrates two sacraments instituted by Jesus himself: Baptism and Holy Communion.

People

- Has a democratic structure where lay people and clergy share equally in decision-making;
- Has ordained women since 1936;
- Emphasizes participation of all believers, including children, who are present in worship and Sunday School.

Context

- Is open to dialogue with other faiths and denominations and recognizes their value;
- Actively promotes social justice and policies of non-discrimination;
- Does not create new missions overseas, but works in partnership with existing churches.

Visit the website for The United Church of Canada for more information: www.united-church.ca.

