

AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

In 1889 Agnes Scott
was founded with an
uncompromising commit-
ment to a "high standard
of scholarship" in a setting
conducive to the
Christian faith. This year,
Agnes Scott celebrates a
hundred years of
educating women.

MARY WEST THATCHER CHAPEL DEDICATION

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DEDICATION OF THE CHAPEL ORGAN
DEDICATION OF THE PULPIT BIBLE AND ALTARWARE
September 16, 1988
10:25 a.m.

PRELUDE "Ach, was soll ich Sundern machen?" by Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Read Responsively*)

Leader: How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

People: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Leader: By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;

People: By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

Leader: This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

HYMN "God, You Have Set Us in This Time and Place"
(*Tune: National Hymn, "God of Our Fathers"*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

READING OF PSALM 24

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Simple Song" from "MASS" by Leonard Bernstein

READING OF PSALM 150

SPECIAL MUSIC "In dir ist Freude" by Johann Sebastian Bach

STATEMENT OF DEDICATION

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Leader: To the glory of God who calls us by grace; to the honor of the Son, who loves us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit who lives in us and recreates us, we dedicate this chapel, together with the organ, the pulpit Bible and the chapel altar set.

People: We dedicate these gifts.

Leader: For worship in prayer and praise, for the worship of God through music, through the preaching of the Word, and through the celebration of the holy sacraments,

People: We dedicate these gifts.

Leader: For the healing of life's discords, and for bringing harmony to the living of life; for the lifting of the depressed and the comforting of the sorrowing; for the humbling of the heart before eternal mysteries, and the lifting of the soul to abiding beauty and joy, by the gospel of infinite love and mercy,

People: We dedicate these gifts.
Leader: For the nurturing of our souls, for the inspiration of our minds
and the illumination of our spirits,
People: We dedicate these gifts.
Leader: As a tribute of gratitude, of faith and hope and love, an
offering of thanksgiving and praise to those who have
experienced the riches of God's grace, and have made these
gifts possible through their generosity,
People: We, the people of this community, dedicate this chapel,
together with the organ, the cross, the candleholders, and the
Bible, all these we dedicate for the worship of Almighty God.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN "Hear the Songs of Thanks We Raise"
(Tune: "For the Beauty of the Earth")

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist"
by Johann Sebastian Bach



Participants in the Dedication Service

Calvert Johnson, College Organist
Miriam Dunson, College Chaplain
Cherie Arnette, Vice President of the Christian Association
Alice Cunningham, Professor of Chemistry
Gerald Whittington, Vice President for Business and Finance
Ruth Schmidt, College President

ANNOUNCEMENT: *The Dedicatory Recital on the new Brombaugh organ will be performed by Dr. Calvert Johnson, College Organist, this Sunday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome to this free program, which will demonstrate the versatility of our new organ.*

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GOD, YOU HAVE SET US IN THIS TIME AND PLACE

(Tune: National Hymn, "God of our Fathers")

God, you have set us in this time and place,
Called us as stewards of your love and grace.
O keep us faithful, set our souls afire,
And by your Spirit all our work inspire.

We dedicate this work of human hand;
Built for your glory, may it firmly stand.
Let truth be preached and justice rightly done,
In Christ our Saviour make us truly one.

Let doors and hearts provide a welcome here.
Let walls and voices ring with songs of cheer.
Let windows speak of beauty and of light,
Let smile and gesture show your love aright.

Call youth and age into these halls for praise.
Then send us out for service all our days,
Eyes wide to see and ears prepared to hear
Your word of peace and challenge spoken clear.

So may the world become our neighborhood,
Each wishing each the right, the true, the good.
Word, Font, and Table calling us to be
Bound up in Christ, in Christ set boldly free.

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HEAR THE SONGS OF THANKS WE RAISE

(Tune: "For the Beauty of the Earth")

Hear the songs of thanks we raise,
God of earth and space and star
Hear our voices blend to praise
Who you were and who you are:
God of power, God of grace, You have richly blessed this place.

Here a welcome waits for all,
Food for body, mind and soul.
Talk and laughter fill each hall,
Thought and silence have their role:
God of mercy, God of grace, You have richly blessed this place.

Men and women, girls and boys,
Meet new cultures, friends, and art,
Sing your praises, share life's joys,
Find a language, heart to heart:
God of wonder, God of grace, You have richly blessed this place.

Open spaces, open doors,
Open windows, open minds,
Open air where birdsong soars,
Open people of all kinds.
God of beauty, God of grace, You have richly blessed this place.

Past and future meet each day,
Church's heritage and dream.
Love is still the clearest way;
Justice, still the central theme:
God of history, God of grace, You still richly bless this place.

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Mary West (Mrs. Samuel Eugene) Thatcher was a longtime friend and loyal supporter of Agnes Scott College. She graduated in 1915 with a major in chemistry and was, for a short time, assistant in the chemistry department. As an involved alumna, she served during 1926-27 as president of the Alumnae Association.

In 1947, Mrs. Thatcher was elected to the Board of Trustees and during her twenty-four years as an active trustee served on five standing committees of the board, chairing one of them. She took her responsibilities seriously, rarely missing a meeting of a committee or of the board. Elected a trustee emerita in 1971, she remained a cherished friend of the College until her death on September 22, 1984.

Mary West Thatcher gave generously of her time and of her means to strengthen this institution, and she was concerned about the spiritual as well as the intellectual development of the students. In a tribute to her at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Miami, where she was a member for many years, it was said that Mary W. Thatcher "had a strong commitment to the worship of God." It is highly appropriate that a place especially designed for the worship of God on the Agnes Scott campus be named the Mary West Thatcher Chapel.

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The top level of the Wallace McPherson Alston Campus Center houses the Mary West Thatcher Chapel, a lounge and reception area, and offices for the College chaplain and counselor. The space was previously a balcony and classroom area in the Bucher Scott Gymnasium. The building was renovated in 1987-88 to create a new campus center. The chapel seats approximately seventy people, and the hand-carved detailing on the pews was made to order for Agnes Scott by Amish woodcrafters.

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The pipe organ opus 31d was constructed and installed by John Brombaugh & Associates of Eugene, Oregon. John Brombaugh, who was responsible for design and voicing, founded his own tracker pipe organ firm in 1968, which is dedicated to producing instruments of the highest musical and technical quality. The shop employs ten people who have built more than fifty organs of one to seventy stops, for North Americans and for Australians.