

The Origin of Amoskeag Presbyterian Church

"Amoskeag" was chosen for our name because of its unique regional character. We are committed to building the church here in the Manchester area. We believe that it is important to take the history of a place into account. In 1651 John Eliot, founder of Dartmouth College and "Apostle to the Indians," preached to the Penacook Indians. Reformation truth took deep root in our soil from the earliest times. Presbyterianism was once a strong force in the Manchester area. The area was largely settled by immigrants of Scotch-Irish descent who brought their Presbyterian-Calvinistic beliefs with them. There were Presbyterian churches in Goffstown, New Boston, Nottingham, Dunbarton, Francestown, Candia and many other communities.¹ Along with the many Congregational churches in the area the faith summarized in *The Westminster Confession* had a powerful and pervasive influence. In the nineteenth century Protestant Liberalism and Unitarianism weakened the foundations of Trinitarian orthodoxy and opened the floodgates to the secularism of modernity which now dominates our culture.

It is believed that the Indian word "Amoskeag" means "one takes small fish."² Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). It is our intention to build on the heritage of our forefathers by spreading the same gospel to a fallen and lost world. Just as the early settlers caught fish at the Amoskeag Falls, so we wish to catch people for Christ in order that they may be nourished on His life-giving Word. We hope you will join us in this noble endeavor. It is a cause with eternal consequences.

¹Alexander Blaikie, *A History of Presbyterianism in New England*, 1881.

²Grace Holbrook Blood, *Manchester on the Merrimack*, Manchester, NH: Lew A. Cummings Co., 1948, p. 9.

Each Sunday at 6:00 PM the newly formed Amoskeag Presbyterian Church will hold public worship service at Westminster Presbyterian Church on 95 Brook Street in Manchester. Pastor Gregory Reynolds is preaching from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Nursery and child care are available.

We believe that historic Christianity is as relevant in modern times as it was in the Roman Empire of Paul's day. The unity of the Christian Church is based on the truth of the apostolic teachings as they are infallibly recorded for us in the pages of Holy Scripture. We look back to our Protestant roots in the Reformation when the spiritual power and intellectual strength of Biblical truth was rediscovered. This same message needs to be rediscovered today. We take the confessions of the church seriously. *The Westminster Confession* and *Catechisms* give us a spiritually and intellectually satisfying summary of Biblical truth.

We believe that Christians are called by God to be conformed to Jesus Christ and not to the world. This means that in worship and life the Word of God is to be our standard; and the Gospel of Jesus Christ is to be our message and motivation in discipling the nations to be God's new humanity living by the power of its crucified and risen Lord and Savior.

Wednesday at 7:30 PM - "Essential Teachings of the Bible"

This twelve week course covers the basic doctrines of the Christian faith. Please join us for this in-depth study. This class is for anyone interested in what historic Christianity teaches. Every inquirer is welcome; all questions will be taken seriously. There will be a time of prayer at the end of the class.

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The Amoskeag Presbyterian Church is a mission work of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church. **Our purpose is to glorify God through worship and service.** We believe that this is to be done by the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Redeemer of sinners. We believe that the Triune God reveals Himself in the Bible, which is His infallible Word. A summary of what Scripture teaches may be found in our doctrinal standards *The Westminster Confession of Faith*, and *The Larger and Shorter Catechisms*, available upon request.

We are a worshipping church. Coming together to worship our Lord on the Lord's Day is the center of the church's life.

We are a learning church. It is important to be well taught in Biblical truth and its application to every area of life. The truth matters. That means that we are to be constantly transformed by it. The church is called to be always reforming according to God's Word. We have never arrived in this life.

We are an evangelistic church. We take the Great Commission of our Lord seriously. We support the spread of the gospel at home and throughout the world. We proclaim the only message that saves people from sin and death.

We are a family oriented church. We believe in the nurture of the each member and family as part of the larger family of Jesus Christ. The community of believers is a vital part of our lives.

Please help yourself to any of the tracts on our book table.
Pastor Reynolds would be happy to visit you. Please ask him.
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Invited To:

Worship
with Us

Amoskeag Presbyterian
Church

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*Historic Christianity for
Modern Times*

Each Sunday
at 6:00 PM

at

Westminster Presbyterian Church
95 Brook Street, Manchester

The Rev. Gregory Edward Reynolds, M. Div.