

100 Years Ago at St. Paul's

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The following are excerpts from the Parish Record, the newsletter of St. Paul's 100 years ago, which focused on the debate regarding this country's involvement in World War I while celebrating the principle of Christian hope by building and consecrating a new church:

The Rector's Letter regarding World War I: "This is not a war simply of material forces, but a tremendous conflict of principles. Moral and intellectual ideals, ideals of government and of civilization are at stake.

"First there is the principle of Nationality. We love our Nation. We want to see her standing strong and upright. But it is side by side with the great nations of the earth. God has not given us a mission to destroy the sovereignty of any and impose our own will.

"The second principle is our realm of peace, which has been too often the dream of a comfortable life. Christ boldly extolled poverty. We shun it as an evil thing. The winter before us is one that will be remembered. Men are out of work and families will be in need.

"What good out of evil would it be if, in this time of distress, anxiety and pain, a new spirit should be born in us?"

The New Church: "All Saints' Chapel at 600 South Willard Street comfortably seats 120. There are no pews, chairs being used. The chapel is built of local stone of soft pink tone, 68 feet long and 24 wide with an open gothic roof and great west window. The slate weight of the roof being nearly 20 tons and each slate is nailed with copper nails."

St. Andrew's Day: "We will have the church open all day for prayer and intercession. There are so many anxieties and needs pressing upon our hearts and minds at the present time. Were there nothing more than the problems created by the war, there would be ample need for our increased waiting upon God for guidance and help."