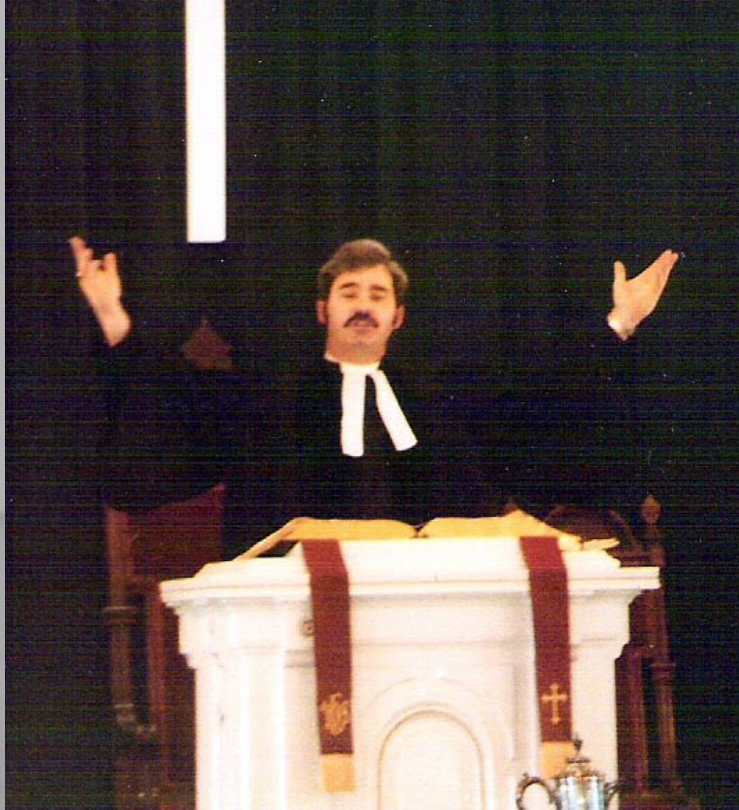


FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Tri-Centennial Anniversary Celebration

September 14, 21, 1980



Pastor Larry Roff gives a 300th year Anniversary Benediction

As a small rural church, the Fairfield congregation has maintained a Biblical conservatism that has put them in conflict with the views and policies of the presbytery (a regional association of Presbyterian churches) in which they were a member. On May 23, 1971, after a series of frustrations and conflicts with the West Jersey Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (UPCUSA), the people of Fairfield petitioned the Presbytery of West Jersey to sever the relationship between them. From that point until 1979, the congregation was without denominational affiliation.

On December 19th, 1976, the congregation of Fairfield Church called Lawrence c. Roff to be their pastor. Pastor Roff was a member of the *Presbyterian Church in America*,

a fledgling church that began in 1973. It would be in this denomination, the PCA, as it is known, that the Fairfield Church would find a like-minded affiliation and Pastor Larry Roff would be their first PCA pastor.

In 1980 the church celebrated their 300th anniversary, pursuing an ambitious schedule of activities, events, and guest speakers including Dr. Morton Smith, then Stated Clerk of the PCA, and Dr. James Montgomery Boice pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church (PCA), Philadelphia. One memorable event was the communion service at the Old Stone Church where the members were instructed to dress in period costumes, with many of the men growing beards adding to the effect.

Below are photos of the festivities; in subsequent parts to this article you will find more photos and the bulletin listing the services scheduled for the two successive Sundays, September 14th, and 21st, 1980.



