

First Presbyterian Church of Cranbury Time line

- 1734 Dutch, Friends, French Huguenots, Presbyterians, Scots & Anglicans joined together erecting a building on Union Valley & Applegarth Road in what is now Monroe Township.
- 1738 Congregation is formed in Cranbury from those who left the church in Monroe. Rev. Samuel Blair is called to Cranbury, however he did not accept. Due to a lack of a permanent minister Rev. Gilbert Tennent was assigned as stated supply by the Presbytery.
- 1739 James Rothead conveyed a lot adjoining the gristmill property for the purpose of erecting a church to Court Van Voorhees & Thomas Story.
- 1740 A meeting house was built on the highest point of that lot, standing for 48 years.
- 1744 The Rev. Charles McKnight became the first settled minister, sharing duties between our church and the Allentown Church.
- 1750 King George II granted a Royal Charter to the Presbyterian Churches of Monmouth County, New Jersey. This charter included Tennent, Cranbury, Allentown and Shrewsbury.
- 1759 A Parsonage Plantation of 150 acres adjoining the earlier church property was secured by deed. This is probably the date of the first Parsonage at what is now 10 Symmes Court.
- 1788 A new church was built where the present church stands. Jacob Fisher, an elder in the church, was the builder. Dr. Hezekiah Stites gave the church bell.
- 1789 The Session House was possibly built in this year and was in use until 1870 when the Chapel (Fellowship Hall) was built.
- 1794 The Rev. Gilbert Tennent Snowden, the third minister, built his own house at 107 North Main Street.
- 1838 The Second Presbyterian Church was built on Westminster Place.
- 1839 The First Presbyterian Church was enlarged to accommodate a growing congregation.

- 1859 The First Presbyterian Church was enlarged from 3 windows to 5 on each side. Height of rebuilt spire with a newly installed bell was 135 feet. This rebuilding was extensive enough to be called "building a new church." This also may have been when the balconies were added, if not in 1839.
- 1866 The Civil War Monument was erected in front of the old Session House, facing Main Street.
- 1870 The old Session House was sold and the first Chapel (Fellowship Hall) was built on the site.
- 1889 The First Church interior was remodeled and refinished. The balconies were cut back,, revealing the full length of the windows in the Chancel area. New organ pipes were installed on the west wall of the north side of the Chancel. New gas chandeliers were installed.
- 1892 Sexton's House was built and with additions has become today's church office.
- 1898 A section of the spire blew down in a storm. It was replaced with the steeple as seen today.
- 1902 Stained glass windows, electricity, concrete sidewalks and curbs installed.
- 1907 South wing added to Chapel.
- 1914 The old manse on Symmes Court was sold and a new manse was built on the corner of Symmes Court and South Main Street. The lane to the old manse was named Symmes Court and the lots on both sides were sold for homes.
- 1912 The First Election Night Supper.
- 1918 Civil War monument was moved back into Brainerd Cemetery to its present location. WWI soldiers' monument erected in Brainerd Cemetery.
- 1935 The First and Second Presbyterian Churches unite. An addition was added to the west end of sanctuary for pastor's study, choir room and organ pipes.
- 1936 The Second Presbyterian Church is torn down. The Westminster Hall Parish House is left standing.
- 1940 The Chapel (Fellowship Hall) remodeled and enlarged to its present size with larger kitchen, library and stage.

1940's The First Strawberry Festival!

1953 Church interior restored to colonial style, stained glass removed; shutters inside added; Narthex created; choir stalls were built on either side of chancel area; new pulpit and lectern installed.

1954 Bell Choir started with 12 bells purchased from Whitechapel Bell Foundry, London, England.

1960 Sunday School wing built, joining Fellowship Hall with the Sanctuary. Steeple removed from Fellowship Hall.

1966 Fellowship Hall auditorium railing removed from second floor and a wall erected, creating Sunday School Room Number 5, named the Peg Davison Room in honor of her many years as a Sunday School Teacher.

1971 Current pipe organ built and installed.

1982 Second Parsonage at 22 South Main Street acquired as a bequest.

1984 Cranbury Presbyterian Nursery School (CPNS) opened.

1995 Chancel renovated; hardwood flooring installed. (The Cut Nails were saved by work crew from old flooring dating circa 1859.)

1997 The ongoing Food Pantry is named Skeet's Pantry in memory of Skeet Trowbridge and her work.

1999 Rev. Dr. Louis J. Mitchell is called as Pastor.

2005 Rev. Rosanna P. Anderson is called as Associate Pastor.