

First Presbyterian Church • Erected 1699  
1715



First Reformed Dutch Church • Erected

First Presbyterian Church is founded in the New Netherlands settlement of Rustdrop meaning “Quiet Village” now Jamaica and services are held in a public meeting house.

Villagers construct a 40 foot square stone church in the middle of present-day Jamaica Avenue.  
**1699**

The stone church is replaced by the current Sanctuary on a farm one block away.

Elder Frederick Mills organizes the movement for the Young Men’s Christian Association, which resulted in the present YMCA building on Parsons Boulevard.

**1693**

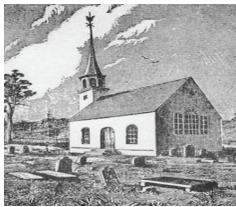
First Church contributes to a fund for the ransom of several men held in slavery in North Africa.

**1813**

**1822**  
Starting with a small Bible School organized by Miss Eliza M. Wickes, First Church eventually opens nine different Sunday Schools to meet the needs of its parishioners.

**1746**

The Synod of New York founded a college (now Princeton University), intended as a training school for young men entering the ministry. First Church was a benefactor.



Grace Anglican Church • Erected 1734

**1882**

The Women’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society is formed; it later merges with the Women’s League in 1929.

**1912**

The Reverend Magill enters First Church and serves as pastor until 1946.

**1990**

Following Reverend Swartzback’s retirement in 1988, Reverend William Stark builds upon this “new beginning” with both physical renovation and spiritual renewal through healing worship and caring service

**1920**

The 1813 Sanctuary is placed on logs and pulled by mule to its current location facing 164th Street.

**1926**

Construction of the “Church House” is completed, providing the congregation with an auditorium, a gymnasium, recreation centers, a library, classrooms, and so much more.

**1975**

Following World War II there was a shift in population and a drastic decline in membership. A remnant group of 89 members along with the leadership of Reverend Dr. Raymond Swartzback revive the institution.

**1998**

Reverend Patrick O’Connor continues to lead the congregation beyond traditional worship programs with a mission to “Reach others for Christ and Develop Believers in Christ.”

**2012**

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