

St. Andrew's Chapel

100 Years of History

1912 ~ 2012

1900

- 1912 The Chapel is built through the efforts of Reverend Karl M. Block, Chaplain at Woodberry Forest.
- 1912 The Boys' Chapel with an original seating capacity of 220 is ready for the opening of the 1912-1913 session and formally named St. Andrew's Chapel.
- 1912 Mrs. John F. Bransford donates an altar and reredos of marble from Carrara, Italy.

1920

- 1922 A tablet memorializing alumni who died in the First World War is dedicated on April 30 during an evening service.
- 1923 More pews are added to accommodate a larger student body, without enlarging the Chapel itself.
- 1924 Chapel Council votes to procure an organ for the chapel.
- 1926 The balcony is enlarged.
- 1927 The Sixth Form presents brick gateposts to St. Andrew's Chapel as their class gift.
- 1929 A 36-foot nave expansion enlarges the seating capacity to 300.

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- 1932 A pipe organ replaces the original reed organ.
- 1932 St. Andrew's Chapel is saved from an early morning fire.
- 1933 The Sixth Form class presents a bronze tablet in memory of Mr. Douglas W. Neff as their class gift.
- 1936 A stained glass triptych window in memory of the School's founders, Captain and Mrs. Robert Stringfellow Walker, is installed above the reredos of the altar.
- 1936 Commencement exercises are first held on the east side of the Chapel, beginning a 45-year tradition.

1940

- 1941 The Board of Trustees votes to assume Chapel debt.

1950

- 1950 Two stained glass windows, to Mrs. J. Carter Walker and Mrs. Joseph G. Walker, are dedicated on May 12, 1950.
- 1951 Chapel gifts include a new edition of the Book of Common Prayer, altar vestments and prayer books.
- 1952 First woman preaches in St. Andrew's Chapel.
- 1953 Six new hanging lamps are lighting improvements.
- 1953 A pulpit Bible and altar linens are given to St. Andrew's Chapel.
- 1955 Eucharist candles are given by Colonel Allen Goodwyn '18

1960

- 1961 Handmade needlepoint cushions for the chancel are given by Mrs. James Roemer.
- 1961 J. Carter Walker's will provides the Chapel with a new Allen electronic organ.
- 1963 New oil heating system and new red carpet are installed.
- 1964 A stained glass window in memory of E. Austin Turner Jones is dedicated on October 4, 1964.
- 1969 A carillon system is installed and dedicated to Mr. Ely J. Perry of Kinston, NC.
- 1969 A stained glass window in memory of Arthur H. Jones by his family is installed.

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- 1980 The construction of two transepts and a cupola enlarge the Chapel to its present size.
- 1981 The Chapel-side site of Graduation exercises, used since 1936, is changed to the front lawn of The Residence.
- 1983 A plaque to honor alumni who died in the wars in Korean and Vietnam (the "Asian Wars") is placed in the Chapel.
- 1985 Work begins to move the Bransford memorial altar off the back wall of the chancel and relocate the reredos to the altar front; J. Gilbert Somers moves and reconstructs the Robert S. Walker triptych window to the east transept.
- 1986 The Fisk Opus 88 organ, given by Thomas Kenan III '51 is installed and dedicated on May 10, 1986, in honor of his father, Frank Hawkins Kenan, Senior Prefect in 1931.
- 1988 A stained glass triptych window honoring the eight grandsons of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Semans is dedicated in the west transept on April 17.
- 1989 The glass in the hanging lamps is replaced with stained glass by Somers Studios.

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- 2000 West transept exit door is added, with a steel staircase on the exterior.
- 2002 New wooden torch standards with brass fittings are purchased.
- 2003 The Sixth Form class presents a bronze plaque memorializing Major William Watkins '84, killed during Iraqi war.
- 2005 Two stained glass windows to honor the six sons of J. Carter Walker are dedicated during the Walker Family reunion service on Sunday, June 26.
- 2005 A stained glass window honoring Steven Godrey Stancill is given by his mother, Phyllis Stancill Pruden and his step-father Peter DeWitt Pruden, Jr.
- 2005 A stained glass window honoring Harriet Gregg DuBose Gray is given by her son, Thomas S. Kenan III '55.
- 2008 A new cross in the nave is given by Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Campbell in memory of their parents.
- 2009 An advent wreath stand is given by Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Sgro.
- 2010 The air conditioning is redone in St. Andrew's Chapel as a facilities improvement.