

Historic Carlisle's mission is to recognize and promote the history of Carlisle and Cumberland County. This is accomplished through annual presentations and celebrations, living history reenactments, educational programs, the Carlisle Civil War Building Plaque Program, and the installation of Wayside Markers.

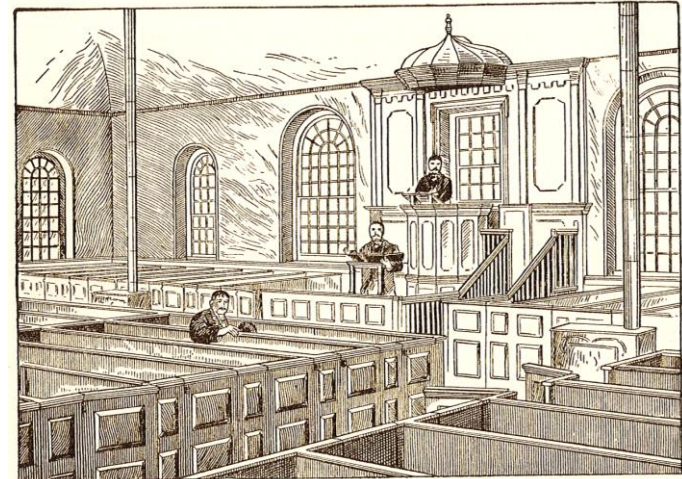
We bid all visitors a warm welcome to First Presbyterian Church. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to attend a Sunday worship service, take an informational flyer about our programming, or visit our website at www.firstprescarlisle.org



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First Presbyterian Church 2A North Hanover Street Carlisle, Pennsylvania



Interior of a traditional late Colonial Presbyterian Church.

This drawing is similar to how the Meetinghouse on the Square would have appeared in July 1774. Two entrances were located on the south side of the building at either end. The pulpit and precentor's desk were on the north wall. Pews were enclosed with narrow benches and high backs. The congregation was organized in 1734 at Meeting House Springs. The sanctuary on the Square was built between 1757 and 1770. In 1827 the building was remodeled, a session house was added to the west side of the sanctuary, the pulpit was moved to the west wall, and the front doors were moved to face North Hanover Street. The current Victorian sanctuary dates from the 1880s. (Source: *The Centennial Memorial of the Presbytery of Carlisle*, Vol. I, 1889.)

Welcome to this evening's re-enactment of a very significant moment in Carlisle's colonial history.

What you are about to see is a representation of a July 12, 1774 meeting of a group of civic leaders in colonial Cumberland County at the Presbyterian Church's then-new meeting house on the Square, to discuss concerns that, whether they knew it at the time or not, were about to change the world.

Our thanks to Historic Carlisle Inc. for bringing together this re-creation, and Carlisle Summerfair for creating the space for it on their schedule. We would also like to thank the Washingtonburg Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for their participation in our commemoration of the 1774 meeting.

Historic Carlisle President Courtney Cauthon will help us set the stage. And after we conclude our 1774 business, we will close with some final words from Historic Carlisle's John Lyter and the Rev. Tony Lorenz, pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Tonight's cast

John Montgomery.....Kevin Wagner
John Armstrong.....John Lyter
Dr. William Irvine.....Charlie Thompson
Robert Callendar.....Larry Foote
Ephraim Blaine.....Terry Hegglin
Parson Daniel Batwell.....Doug Henschel
William Thompson.....Robert Dutrey
James Wilson..... Paul Myers

~ Upcoming Events ~

Because 250 years make a long orbit, we at First Presbyterian Church are hosting several other events to give everyone a chance to help us mark this occasion as they see fit through history, worship and music. In addition to tonight's presentation, our "Prelude to Liberty" schedule includes:

July 12:

A 7:00 p.m. presentation will be made by local historian / Whistlestop Bookshop owner Jeff Wood on the significance of the Carlisle meeting, what it said to our ancestors and their contemporaries about the kindling of the independence movement, and the courage these men displayed in laying down their markers at that particular time.

July 14:

Time-travel with us in our 10 a.m. Sunday service to follow a 1774 order of worship, only *with* 21st Century air conditioning and *without* the hour-long sermon.

July 14:

We'll close our commemoration with a 7 p.m. concert featuring the kinds of tunes that those living along the Pennsylvania frontier might have shared and sung with each other in the mid-1770s. Our performers are *Simple Gifts*, a well-known folk music duo hailing from State College.

“Prelude to Liberty”