

Harnessing History's Horsepower
A Timeline
Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church
April 2003

1910s: San Francisco Earthquake, many moved to the East Bay

- * **Rev. Charles L. Campbell** (2 yr.) 1912-1914
 - First Sanctuary constructed
 - * **Rev. Frank Adams** (3yrs.) 1914-1917
 - * **Rev. H. C. Shoemaker** (1 yr.) 1917-1918
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20s: Prosperity and Growth

- * **Dr. John Donaldson** (4yrs.) 1919-1923
 - Lot purchased at Park Blvd & Hampel St.
 - * **Rev. Thomas Oliver** (7yrs.) 1923-1930
 - Name changed to Park Boulevard Presbyterian Church
 - Weekly attendance of 200 and 400-500 in Sunday School
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30s: The Great Depression

- * **Rev. Rollo LaPorte** (7yrs.) 1930-1937
 - Board of Deacons established
 - * **Dr. Paul Goodwin** (8yrs.) 1937-1945
 - Christian Education building
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40s, 50s: World War II, attack of Pearl Harbor; Korean War

- * **Dr. Lorin Ridings** (14yrs.) 1946-1959
 - Dr. Kenneth Boyd** (2yrs.) 1946-1948 Associate Pastor
 - Rev. Vernon C. Richard** (1yr.) 1948-1949 Associate Pastor
 - Rev. Benjamin Weir** (1yr.) 1950-1951 Associate Pastor
 - Rev. Ward Murray** (3yrs.) 1951-1954 Associate Pastor
 - Rev. Robert Morrison** (5yrs.) 1954-1959 Associate Pastor
 - Membership 1000; Sunday School 641; started two services.
 - Voted to build a new, larger sanctuary.
 - New sanctuary built & dedicated
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60s: Student Revolution, UC Berkeley; Vatican II; Radical Reform in the Catholic Church; Civil Rights Movement; Vietnam War Dissent

- * **Rev. Ronald Ossmann** (2yrs.) 1960-1962
 - Rev. Paul Gertmenian** (3yrs.) 1961-1964 Assoc. & Interim Pastor
 - Rev. Thomas Trutner** (4yrs.) 1961-1965 Assoc. & Interim Pastor
 - * **Dr. James Baird** (5yrs.) 1964-1969
 - Senior activity center opened - Park Blvd Manor dedicated
 - Rev. James Armstrong** (6yrs) 1964-1970 Assoc. & Interim Pastor
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70s: Jesus People Movement, Charismatic Movement, and Watergate

* **Rev. James Clark** (7yrs.) 1970-1979

- Brooklyn Presbyterian Church merged with PBPC

Rev. Michael Ladra (3yrs) 1972-1975 Associate Pastor

Reiko Lane (20yrs) 1975-1995 Music Director

James Warren (18yrs) 1977-1995 Organist

Rev. Charles Carlson (6yrs) 1976-1982 Assoc. & Interim Pastor

80s: Inflation; Reagan and the Cold War; '89 Bay Area Earthquake; Pornography, Abortion, Gay Rights, post-Christian culture

* **Dr. Robert Coppock** (1yr.) 1981-1982

* **Dr. Ronald Thompson** (8yrs.) 1983-1991

Rev. Herbert Tweedie (12yrs.) 1982-1994 Parish Associate

Rev. Jeffery Bridgeman (7yrs.) 1983-1990 Associate Pastor

- 1986 Church parking lot opened

Rev. Ben Weir freed from captivity in Lebanon in the late 1980's

Rex Treat, custodian 1986-1999; returned Dec. 2000 – present

90s: The Fall of Communism; Radical changes in worship styles; "Go-go Economy", dot.com boom, post-modern generation

* **Rev. Carl Hofmann** (10 years) 1992-2002

Rev. Alvin Koons (3yrs) 1994-1997 Pastoral Care

Sue Tania Wichelman (3yrs) '95-'97, '99 Interim Worship Director

John Elving (1yr) 1998-1999 Worship Director

Significant developments and events at PBPC in the '90s

- Strong Session leadership and discipleship under Carl's direction
 - Blended worship service, modification of the chancel
 - "After 50 Years, Remembering the Holocaust"- a 4 part class held at Congregation Beth Jacob & PBPC in 1995 - Ongoing work of repentance & reconciliation
 - Spiritual renewal; small groups; the Alpha Course; vision statement
 - **Carl's** Sabbatical (3 months) Lay preaching & leadership team
 - **Lynnette Smith**, PBPC Youth Leader/Young Life, 1993 to 2000
 - **Siri Griggs**, Organist: 1997, Worship Director, Feb. 2000 to present
 - **Dr. Bob Ross**, Congregational Care: May 1998 to present
 - **Carol Taylor**, Administrative Assistant: Feb. 1999 to present
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2000: The terrorist attacks of 9/11, Bay Area folks "over-extended, over-committed, overwhelmed..."

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* **Dr. George Gilchrist** Jan. 2003 to present Interim Pastor

Other significant events at PBPC in the new millennium

- **Alex Butrin**, Children's Ministry Director: Nov. 2001-Oct. 2002
- **Jason Lokkesmoe**, Youth Director: Feb. 2000-Feb. 2003
- **Angie Lokkesmoe**, Children's, Youth, and Family Ministry Director: Jan. 2003 to present