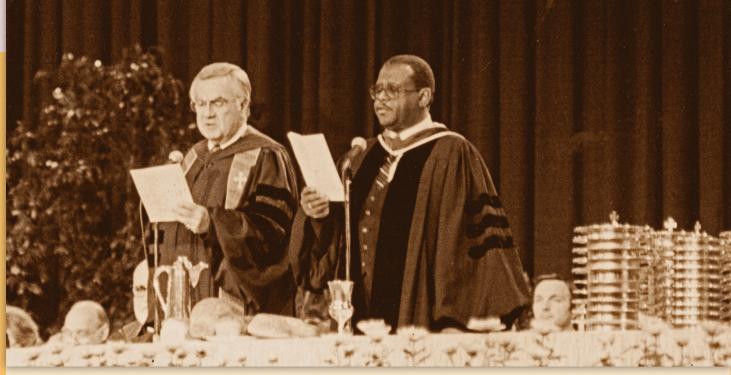
Presbyterian Reunion

Thousands Celebrate Communion



Presbytery banners in processional that preceded the communion service.



PCUS General Assembly Moderator John F. Anderson (left) and UPCUSA General Assembly Moderator James H. Costen (right) read in unison the Declaration of Reunion at the communion service on Friday evening, June 10, 1983, formally constituting the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered at the World Congress Center in Atlanta the evening of June 10, 1983, to hear the Declaration of Reunion and celebrate communion. The service opened with a 30-minute processional of commissioners and representatives from each presbytery, carrying banners and bringing communion chalices and bread for the service. Other groups of Presbyterians around the country gathered in their local congregations to take communion and celebrate reunion.



Worshippers at the communion service.



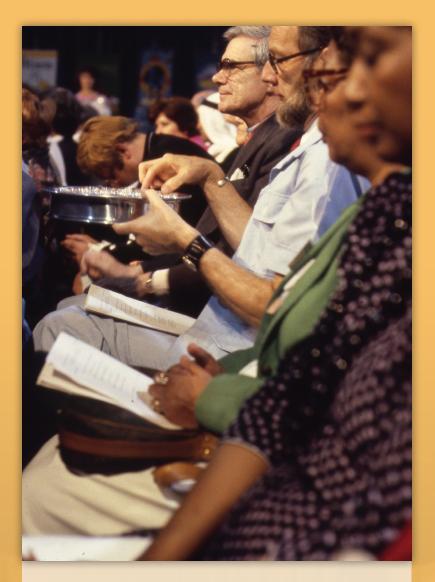
Ruling Elder Barbara Leach (left) from the Presbyterty of Cayuga Syracuse with the chalice created for the communion service.



Presbytery banners and bread made by people from every presbytery await the communion service.



The 200-year-old communion set used by the moderators, from the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, PA.



Attendees receive communion.



Some of the bread and chalices brought by every presbytery for the communion service.



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A Celebration in the Streets of Atlanta









After the PCUS and UPCUSA General Assemblies passed the formal resolutions approving reunion on the afternoon of Friday, June 10, 1983, Presbyterians poured into the streets of Atlanta to celebrate the historic event. Carrying banners, singing, and joining hands, they marched the mile from the World Congress Center to City Hall where Mayor Andrew Young greeted the crowd.



Bagpipers lead the Reunion parade through the streets of Atlanta, June 10, 1983.



Former General Assembly moderators and their wives in the march to Atlanta's City Hall; left to right, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Costen, and Rev. and Mrs. John F. Anderson.



Left: UPCUSA Stated Clerk William P. Thompson, UPCUSA Moderator Jim Costen, PCUS Stated Clerk James E. Andrews, and PCUS Moderator John Anderson in the crowd at City Hall.

Right: Atlanta
Mayor Andrew
Young addresses
the crowd at City
Hall.



