

First Presbyterian Church
Kirkwood, Missouri

WINDOW SYMBOLISM

Since God is the author of both the Old and the New Testaments, the windows depict, on the left side, six prominent figures of the Old Testament: Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, David and Daniel. In the center is Christ, the fulfillment of the old and founder of the New Testament. On the right side are represented the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; and Peter and Paul as the most prominent figures of the New Testament.

What God dictated to them by His Holy Spirit, the Prophets and Apostles stated plainly in their inspired writings and preachings. In the lower sections are shown the great events of the Incarnation, visions of the suffering of Christ, and some of the ministry of Jesus, center of world history in His earthly life and center and substance of the prophecies and message of the Apostles. Their preaching centered in the Cross and the supreme sacrifice of Christ who gave Himself for us to purchase our freedom from sin, giving us hope for salvation.

MOSES

Moses is shown with the tablets of the decalogue with the Hand of God directing him. From his forehead emanate two tongues of fire or horns of light (horn in Hebrew meant valiance or greatness of spiritual strength.) In the background is visible the Mount Sinai with lightning striking down from heaven. The center depicts atonement. The cleansing of the Temple with the sin offering of the high priest as described in Leviticus 4 and in Hebrews 9 and 10: The text, "and shall lay his hands upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the Lord." In the lower panel is represented Abraham and Melchizedek, King of Salem, offering bread and wine - text: "and Melchizedek, King of Salem, brought forth bread and wine" - Genesis 14,18.

ISAIAH

The prophet is ready to receive from the hand of the seraphim a live coal upon his tongue (Isaiah 6:6). In the background is seen a Judean city. The center depicts the vision of Christ's suffering - text "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows." In the lower panel we see the prophecy of the coming birth of Christ. Mary is shown sitting on the branch out of the root of Jesse, holding the child Jesus, while prophets witness the event in their vision (Isaiah 11:1) - "and there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse."

JEREMIAH

The Hand of God is ordering the prophet on the way of his mission. In the background he points out the destruction of Judean cities. In the center the prophet expressed the desolation of Judah for their idolatry (Jeremiah 44:12) - "they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine." The lower panel shows the idolatry of the Jews in Egypt in the service of other gods - "in that they went to burn incense and to serve other gods."

