The stunning landscape window pictured at right was the last of nine windows in the sanctuary to be commissioned from the Tiffany Studios, and is the only one to carry the studio marking. The designer is believed to be Agnes Northrup. It was installed about 1917 in memory of Charles D. Ettinger, a native of Ohio born in 1838. He became connected with the newly formed Murphy Varnish Company in 1871, serving as director and secretary, as well as being one of the major stockholders. In 1884 he moved to Chicago with his wife Clara and their only child Anna, and they united with Second Presbyterian the following year. The family resided on Michigan Avenue near 39th Street, and later at 4620 S. Drexel Boulevard. Ettinger developed an extensive farm at Midlothian, where he raised thoroughbred livestock. He died in September 1916 at the age of 78, one year after his unmarried daughter Anna. His wife Clara, who commissioned the window, died in July 1919.
BELL TOWER STENCILLED WINDOW RESTORED

Friends of Historic Second Church recently completed the restoration of one of Second Presbyterian Church’s bell tower windows. Friends’ ability to finance this important project was due largely to a donation from The Town and Country Arts Club (members pictured below with window).

While the windows of Second Presbyterian Church have been celebrated nationwide and have occasionally received international attention in European guidebooks, those within the bell tower have not been mentioned in available literature. Yet, the bell tower windows are significant. The simple geometric designs present in the glass are stenciled onto the surface and the paint is then fired, a process called vitrification. Many of the stained glass windows contain cracked glass, deteriorated leading, and failing structural frames. The trumpeting angels beg to be cleaned and restored to their former glory.

The church building and the artistic treasures contained within it are too important to the history of the South Loop and the City of Chicago, and to art lovers worldwide to allow the restoration work to be put off any longer. Your membership can and will make a difference. Please review the “Annual Membership Levels and Benefits” flyer included in this newsletter.

When you join, you’ll receive Friends’ quarterly newsletter The Herald, which will keep you abreast of restoration progress as well as upcoming events and educational opportunities. Be a part of history by completing the enclosed membership application. Memberships at all levels are welcomed.

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