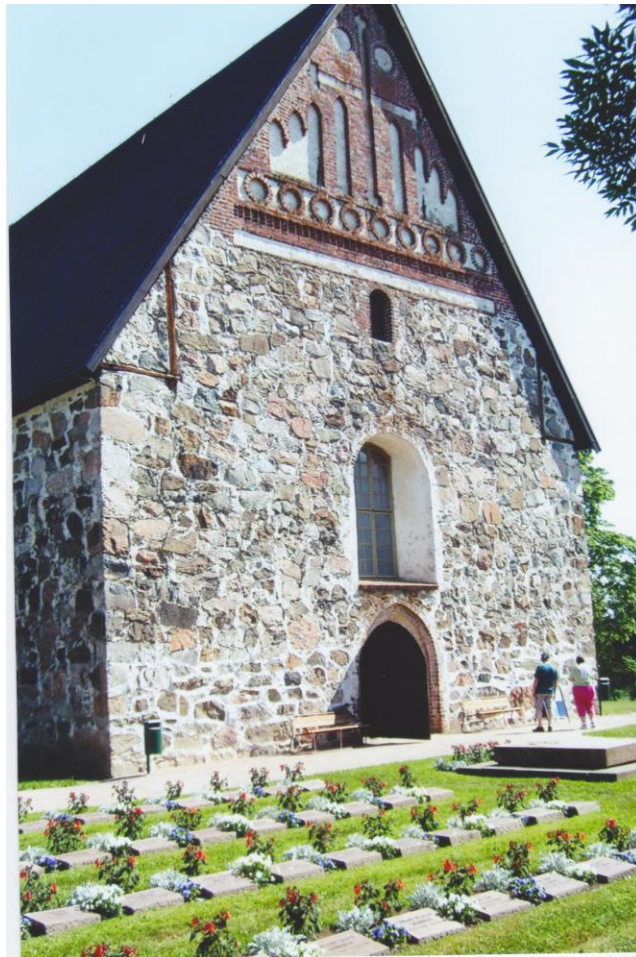


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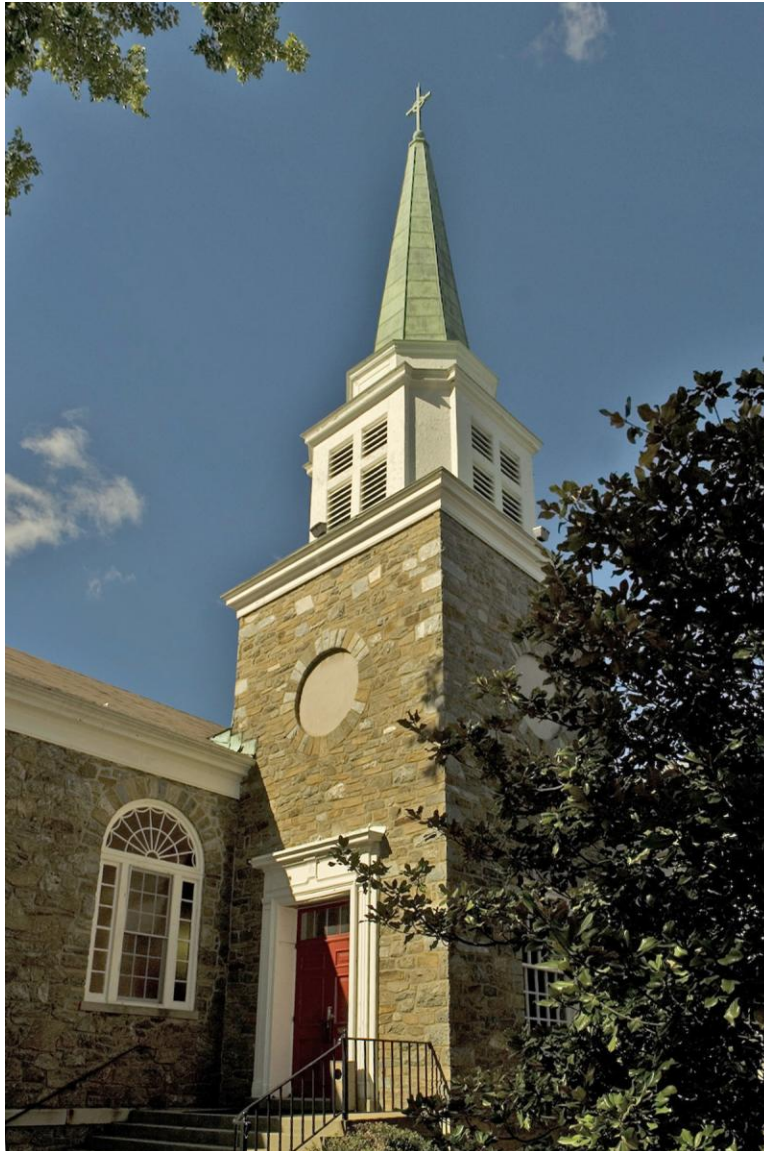
Adolph F. Thelander 's parents immigrated from Sweden before 1900. Adolph was born in 1900 in Minnesota. The city directory lists Thelander in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1924. He was an architect. In 1930, he lived in Arlington, Virginia with his wife, Edna. After a fire that burned the original Arlington Presbyterian Church, he was hired to design a new church for the Arlington Presbyterian Congregation.

The cornerstone was laid December 1, 1930. The church was to be made of stone. When we look at the church from his homeland, is it any wonder that this first generation American should have been chosen?



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This old Lutheran Church is in the town of Borga, Finland. It is the medieval Porvoo Cathedral. Borga is a Swedish name and this may have been in Sweden at the time the Church was built.



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Today, Arlington Presbyterian Church stands proudly beside the Columbia Pike. It is a landmark that those who have lived here for a long time expect to see. It invites the world to see its enduring qualities and beauty. It reminds one of a young Architect who brought his skill to Arlington.