



Press Release

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Trinity United Methodist Church Celebrates 200th Anniversary

In 1824, Tallahassee was selected as the site of the capital of the Florida Territory. That same year, a group of early settlers formed the community's first church, now known as Trinity United Methodist Church. For two hundred years, Trinity has had a presence in what is now downtown Tallahassee and has a long tradition of being involved and serving in the community and in the world. The theme for Trinity's Bicentennial, "Faith of our founders...Living still," captures the vitality of the present-day church and connects it to the vision of those who came together to found Tallahassee's first church.

Yearlong Bicentennial Events

The community is invited to attend the many activities planned for Trinity's Bicentennial in 2024. Enjoy some outstanding musical concerts, including a performance of Vivaldi's "Four Seasons" on January 9, a concert by the St. Olaf Choir on February 2, and three organ concerts by organists from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City on March 9, May 4, and September 21. Tickets are required for the St. Olaf Choir concert (stolaf.edu/tickets/choir), but all other concerts are free and open to the public. Each month on the second Sunday, the church will welcome a guest clergy to the pulpit. Many are former pastors of Trinity, and some are bishops of the United Methodist Church with ties to Tallahassee. Social events and special programs for children and youth will also take place during the year. Celebration Sunday, the culmination of the Bicentennial and the anniversary of the church's founding, will take place on September 29, 2024. This will include a procession from the site of the first church building to the present church, special music, and a sermon by Bishop Tom Berlin, Bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Detailed information about Trinity's history and its Bicentennial is available at www.tumct.org/bicentennial200.

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