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**PRESS RELEASE**

**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.

**Bicentennial Celebration**

The church has celebrated its Bicentennial throughout this 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 contemporary and liturgical worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 respectively, featuring special music, a proclamation read by Mayor John Dailey, and a sermon by Bishop Tom Berlin, Bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and a renowned speaker. Between the two services at 10:30 there will be a brief service at the site of the first church building at the corner of Bronough Street and Park Avenue followed by a procession of clergy, members of the congregation, and a bagpiper to the present church at the corner of Park Avenue and Duval Street.

Detailed information about Trinity’s history and its Bicentennial is available at [www.tumct.org/bicentennial200](http://www.tumct.org/bicentennial200).

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