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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 200 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 celebrated its Bicentennial throughout 2024, but had to postpone Bicentennial Celebration Sunday, originally scheduled for September 29, 2024, due to Hurricane Helene. Celebration Sunday, the culmination of the Bicentennial and the anniversary of the church’s founding, will now take place on January 12, 2025. The celebration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with 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. There will be a special organ recital beginning at 10:40 in the sanctuary, followed by a liturgical worship service at 11:00 a.m. 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.

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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