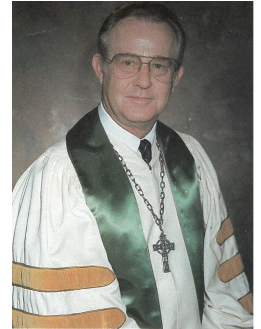


Trinity Presbyterian Church - EST. 1979



Trinity Presbyterian Church recently celebrated their 40 year anniversary in Palm Coast.

It all began in 1979 when the Presbytery of Northeast Florida obtained land on the corner of Florida Park Drive and Palm Harbor Parkway. That same year Rev. Dr. James W. Tinsley was called to found a new Presbyterian Church. He began with some old fashioned door knocking to drum up a congregation. As it turned out, many of these original “pioneer” Palm Coasters were also Presbyterian.



*The Rev. James W. Tinsley, D. Min.
Organizing Pastor and First Minister*



By the fall this “idea” of a church held its first service on November 11, 1979. There were over one hundred worshipers in attendance. United Trinity Presbyterian Church was sharing worship space with St. Marks Lutheran Church in the old Community Center. (United was later dropped from our designation)

The congregation was officially chartered as Trinity Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday, March 30, 1980. The Service of Installation for Dr. Tinsley as first officially called pastor of the congregation took place on November 9, 1980. The congregation’s new home on Florida Park Drive (*shown below left*) was dedicated on April 5, 1981. Dr. Tinsley retired from active ministry in 1984. The membership was 302. Tinsley was able to attend the 40th



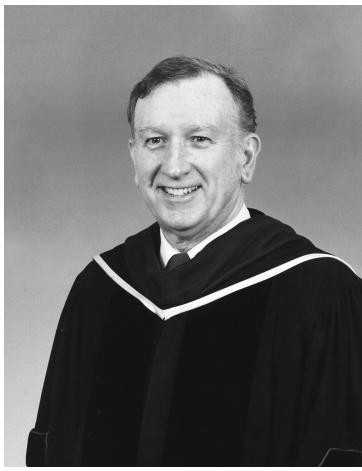
Anniversary services in November, but sadly, has recently passed away.

The original sanctuary (*shown right*) is now the church’s fellowship

hall and is called Mehaffey Hall, named for Trinity’s second installed pastor, the Rev. George Mehaffey, who came to Palm Coast in 1985 and served for 10 years until his retirement in 1995.



Dr. Mehaffey oversaw the completion of our church building in two additional stages. Trinity’s membership had grown enormously to 674 in that

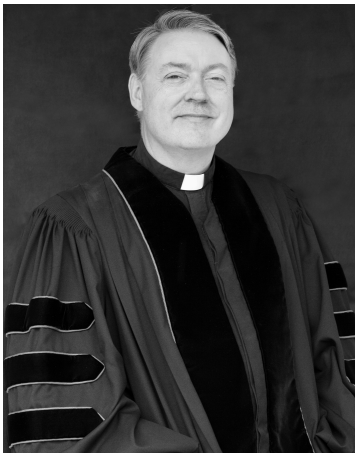
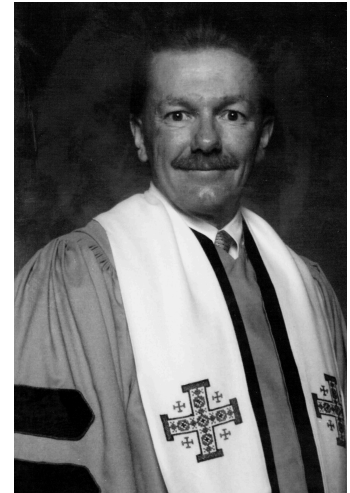


Rev. Dr George O. Mehaffey, *left*, and completed church, *right*.



time! The present structure was completed and dedicated in 1995, just before Dr. Mehaffey's retirement, and includes the present sanctuary.

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey DeYoe (*right*) was installed as pastor in 1997 and served until 2007; Rev Dr. D. Ronald Watson (*below*) served from 2009 to 2018, and is now Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Ocala, FL.



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