

CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

**First Baptist Church of Winter Park
Sanctuary Re-dedication Day | February 19, 2017**

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park recognizes that 104 years ago, April 21, 1913, 13 charter members met in a private home on Welbourne Avenue, to ask God to begin a humble house of worship known as First Baptist Church of Winter Park (First Baptist); and

WHEREAS, the sanctuary at First Baptist is being re-dedicated after recent renovations including new carpet, paint, lighting, restrooms, pews and sound system; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist recognizes members who have contributed to the history and success of the church including the Allen Trovillion and Archibald Granville Bush families; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist moved from the private home on Welbourne Avenue to Winter Park Golf Club House in 1913, and then built their first sanctuary in Gothic Revival architecture in 1914, and the second sanctuary in Greek Revival architecture in 1939 at Interlachen and Comstock avenues; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist continued to grow, sold its buildings to Rollins College, built a third sanctuary of Georgian architecture on New York Avenue in 1961, added two education buildings and a gymnasium in 1968 and 1974, and established various ministries to reach out to the people of Winter Park; and

WHEREAS, the 1961 construction of the current sanctuary was managed by Allen Trovillion, former Winter Park Mayor and Representative in the Florida House of Representatives District 36; and

WHEREAS, after over one hundred years of service, First Baptist still accepts its privilege to be a Good Samaritan to the hungry, stranger, homeless, sick, imprisoned, widowed and orphaned.

WHEREAS, after over one hundred years of service, First Baptist still values its civic honor to partner in serving the community with Winter Park city officials, police officers, firefighters, educators, medical professionals and all generous citizens; and

WHEREAS, Psalm 96 declares, *honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary*, First Baptist Church re-dedicates its sanctuary debt free for the glory of God and to serve the people of Winter Park and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, February 19, 2017**, as **“First Baptist Church of Winter Park Sanctuary Re-dedication Day”** in Winter Park, Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 16th day of February 2017.

Steve Leary
Mayor