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## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN'S PASTOR REACHES 20-YEAR MILESTONE - 2/28/2005

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COLUMBIA, Mo. – Trinity Presbyterian Church will celebrate its pastor's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a surprise reception after its 10:45 Sunday service on March 6, 2005.

The reception will start at about noon. Trinity Presbyterian is located at 1600 West Rollins Rd., a block east of Russell Boulevard School.

The Rev. Raymond I. Massey, known to his congregation as "Rim," took the reins at Trinity in 1985 after the retirement of its first pastor, the Rev. Jim Blanton. A 1978 graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary, Massey was ordained at his hometown church in Paris, Illinois, and served as pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Chase, Kansas, until moving to Columbia.

"The Lord provides," said the Rev. Jim Blanton. "The Lord has provided Trinity with great leadership, and the congregation is especially grateful for Rim's 20 years with the church."

Under Rim Massey, Trinity has renovated its building and added a new sanctuary and classrooms, which are used by many community groups. The church's membership has tripled, and its support of local charities such as VAC and international mission work is recognized throughout the community. Massey established an internship program for ministers at the Boonville Presbyterian Church that has provided four interns. He served as Moderator of Missouri Union Presbytery in 1997 and is a member of several community service organizations.

Rim and his wife, Judy, have three children and two grandchildren. Massey says he has proudly watched a generation of Trinity's children mature into great young adults and marvels that his congregation has been blessed with so many talented leaders.

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