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CLEVELAND HEIGHTS – Church of the Saviour will celebrate its 90th anniversary on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The church, located at 2537 Lee Road, held its first worship service on November 25, 1928. The anniversary worship service will include elements from the very first service and will be held in the sanctuary, the original edifice which remains essentially the same as when it opened in 1928. Today's building comprises 86,000 square feet and is the faith home of nearly 1,400 members, with three distinct worship services and an active mission presence that reaches all generations.

The church, designated a Cleveland Heights Landmark in 1975, was conceived to become the worship home of two merged congregations. Since then additional mergers in 1981 and 2014 have added to its story as a place where people of faith come together. The present congregation traces its heritage to at least eight predecessor congregations and is a vibrant and diverse faith community. Rev. Andy Call, Lead Pastor, describes the congregation as “diverse in every way – racially, generationally, economically, politically, and theologically – but united in mission of *Bringing New Life to Greater Heights* by living and sharing the Gospel.”

While it is an historic place of worship, Church of the Saviour does not rest on its past accomplishments. The congregation has a global reach, with a primary focus on the north coast of Haiti, and an ongoing relationship with missionaries in Liberia, Zimbabwe, and Cambodia. Their primary local focus is on East Cleveland and the Lee Road corridor, though the congregation is active throughout Greater Cleveland. In 2017 alone, Church of the Saviour provided over \$300,000 in mission support funding in addition to hands-on serving.

The 90th anniversary will be celebrated with one unified worship service at 10:30 a.m. on November 18, preached by Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. Charles D. Yoost, and including worship and musical expressions spanning its nine decades. The community is invited and encouraged to join the congregation in their celebration.

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