

Bethel Presbyterian Church

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Rev. J. S. Montgomery,  
Leesburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

I wish it were possible for me to be present for the special service in commemoration of the one hundred and thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Leesburg Church and to share with you and your congregation the joy of this occasion.

The Church at Leesburg with its one hundred and thirty years of service in the same building occupies a unique place among the historic churches of the Synod of Virginia. As I think back over the changes that your Church has witnessed in the life of our nation, it becomes a symbol of strength and permanence in our chaotic world. Surely it must be so with you who are privileged to worship within its historic walls.

You will be conscious I am sure of that unseen congregation of those who have worshiped in this building through the years and who rejoice with you on this happy occasion.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith."

I count it a privilege therefore on behalf of the Synod of Virginia to send to you through your pastor, greetings on this happy occasion, and a prayer for God's continued blessing on your congregation.

Sincerely yours,

*Herbert S. Turner*

Moderator of the Synod of Virginia.