Over 14,000 Presbyterians gathered at the World Congress Center in Atlanta the evening of June 10, 1983, to hear the Declaration of Reunion and celebrate communion. The service opened with a 30-minute processional of commissioners and representatives from each presbytery, carrying banners and bringing communion chalices and bread for the service. Other groups of Presbyterians around the country gathered in their local congregations to take communion and celebrate reunion.
After the PCUS and UPCUSA General Assemblies passed the formal resolutions approving reunion on the afternoon of Friday, June 10, 1983, Presbyterians poured into the streets of Atlanta to celebrate the historic event. Carrying banners, singing, and joining hands, they marched the mile from the World Congress Center to City Hall where Mayor Andrew Young greeted the crowd.

Bagpipers lead the Reunion parade through the streets of Atlanta, June 10, 1983.

Former General Assembly moderators and their wives in the march to Atlanta’s City Hall; left to right, Rev. and Mrs. James H. Costen, and Rev. and Mrs. John F. Anderson.

Left: UPCUSA Stated Clerk William P. Thompson, UPCUSA Moderator Jim Costen, PCUS Stated Clerk James E. Andrews, and PCUS Moderator John Anderson in the crowd at City Hall.

Right: Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young addresses the crowd at City Hall.