

# The Time Has Come...

in the history of  
First Presbyterian Church  
when something big  
should be done...

Let us go forward  
in our plans and dreams...

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*How lovely is your dwelling place,  
LORD Almighty! ...  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house;  
they are ever praising you.*  
Psalm 84:1,4





## Preserving and Enhancing Our Historic Sanctuary

*Chancel Reconfiguration*

We need a reconfigured chancel to:

- Improve accessibility to allow more participation by the congregation in worship services
- Enhance visibility for baptisms, weddings, a time for children, communion
- Increase flexibility for worship services needs
- Update sound and video technology for the Sanctuary and for broadcast, to allow worshippers to hear clearly no matter where they are

Our choir loft is crowded and unsafe. Enlarging this area will:

- Provide room for a choir of up to 51 singers. (currently seats only 35)
- Allow greater access from choir loft to the Steinway piano and other instruments
- Create a safer and more attractive place for children's choirs to perform
- Better accommodate other special worship services and performances

Installation of a new heating and air conditioning system for the Sanctuary is a critical need to:

- Replace current equipment which is well past its expected useful life
- Gain much needed energy efficiency



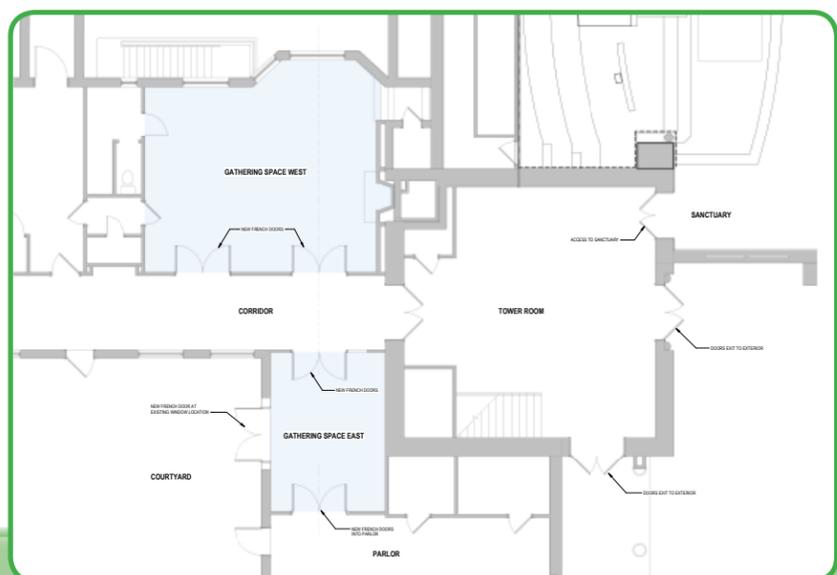
*There is a time in the life of every building when changes are necessary and it is no different at First Presbyterian. The Sanctuary was completed in 1925 and now has several pressing needs. The air-conditioning equipment is now nearly fifty years old, long past its expected useful life. Since our Sanctuary opened, the service of worship has gradually evolved. A larger more flexible chancel consistent with the existing architectural style of the Sanctuary will give better visibility to baptisms, weddings, communion and time for children. The growth of our music ministry requires a larger and more functional choir loft. MorningSong needs a permanent stage in the Family Life Center. The areas adjacent to the Tower Room need to be refurbished as gathering spaces. As a part of the campaign, all existing debt will be paid off.*



## Increased Capacity for Missions

*Debt Retirement*

As a part of this campaign, the existing capital debt will be retired leaving the church debt free, freeing up monies for additional mission projects.



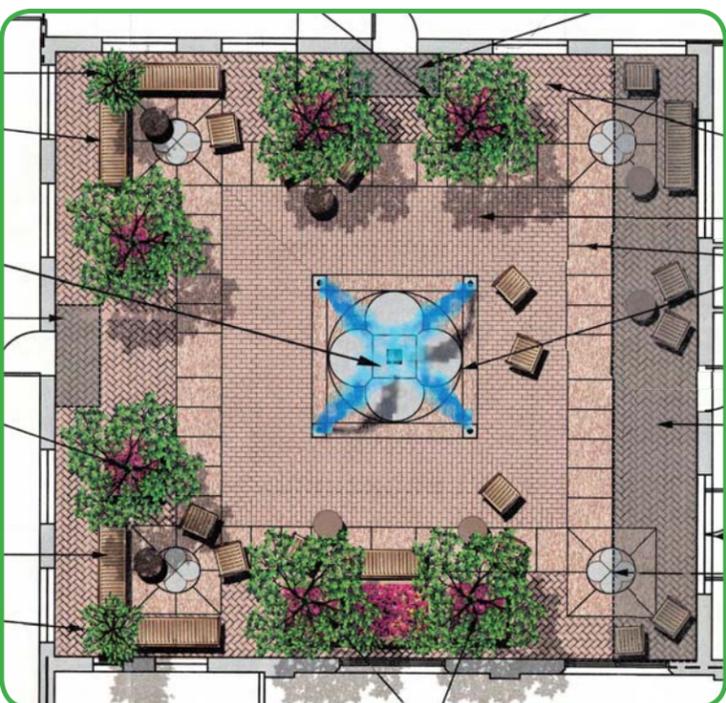
## Two New Gathering Spaces

*Courtyard and Tower Room Improvements*

Improvements to the reception area, parlor and courtyard will:

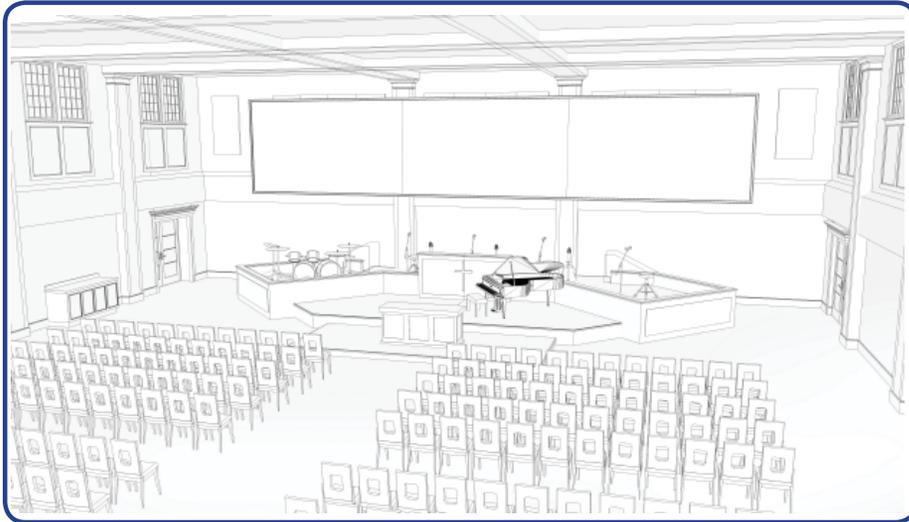
- Provide large gathering spaces convenient to the Sanctuary
- Enlarge Parlor to include former anteroom
- Create a more inviting and accessible courtyard with comfortable seating, new plantings, and a central water feature
- Expand reception space by combining reception space with adjacent office while preserving the original fireplace and bay window

*The Courtyard renovation has been graciously underwritten by a church family.*



*A church is neither defined nor limited by its buildings, and the First Presbyterian Church congregation has always looked beyond its walls for opportunities to witness the good news of the gospel and to do God's work where it is needed. But a church does need a home, and First Presbyterian members have created our church campus as one way of glorifying God.*

*As we approach nearly a century in the use of our Sanctuary, it is time to address several important needs while preserving the historic character of the space.*

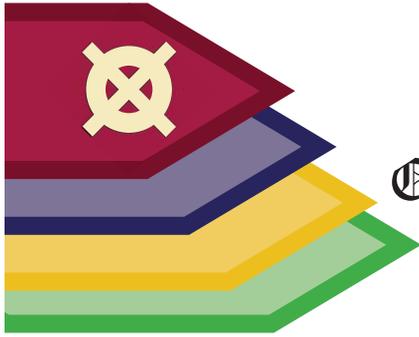


## Permanent Space for Contemporary Worship

*Stage for MorningSong*

A permanent and attractive sound stage in Fogartie Hall will:

- Accommodate increased participation in this popular contemporary worship service
- Provide a safer, but flexible stage for the Praise Band and worship leaders
- Reduce set up time for the services by volunteers
- Upgrade sound and broadcast technology



## Our Opportunity

*A Vibrant, Strong, and  
Growing Congregation*

There are many reasons to love First Presbyterian Church, and one is the picturesque campus built almost 100 years ago. The opportunity to improve and preserve these sacred spaces have been presented to us; we should continue to maintain the standards of quality given to us generations ago.

**The Time Has Come** to meet the needs of our growing congregation and take it into the 21st century. Achieving the 3.2 million dollar goal will empower us to uphold, enhance, and treasure worship in these sacred spaces.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain.*  
Psalm 127:1a

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