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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you may know, almost one hundred years ago, faithful and bold members of First Presbyterian Church built our glorious sanctuary. Because of their generosity and courage, we have this beautiful and sacred gift that will continue to serve us for years to come.

However, to position our congregation for growth into the next century and beyond, we feel called to make needed capital improvements.

- **Chancel Reconfiguration in the Sanctuary**
- **MorningSong Permanent Space**
- **New Gathering Spaces**
- **Debt Retirement**

We will benefit weekly from these changes in our worship and fellowship through improved safety, choir loft capacity, sound improvements, and more!

Please see the enclosed brochure which explains the importance of each project.

Arthur Alley and Associates have finished their campaign readiness assessment for a proposed \$3.2 million capital campaign. We are pleased to report that results are very positive; one of the consultants has said that he was overwhelmed by the obvious love that our people have for this church! With great enthusiasm, our Session voted unanimously to move forward on this important project and we hope to begin construction in early January, with completion by Easter!

The Time Has Come to move forward in faith and secure pledges toward this campaign, so that we might position First Presbyterian for the next one hundred years of bold service in Christ's name. As a member of First Presbyterian, we are asking you to consider your gift. If possible, we are hoping to secure your pledge and others by October 1.

Because our normal stewardship season is right around the corner, we will not ask you to turn in an additional pledge card for the 2018 Operating Budget. Instead, we trust that you will continue to give generously and faithfully to our congregational needs beyond your pledge to the Capital Campaign. Multiple Presbyterian congregations have had tremendous success in operating on a faith-based budget and we look forward to similar results.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 27 as we launch this campaign together. Thank you so much for your prayerful consideration.

Your brother in Christ,

Tom Evans