



Chancel Update #6

August 1, 2024

Greetings First Presbyterian Church Family,

It has been a couple of months since we updated you on the status of the Chancel Project. We thank you for your patience! Here are a few updates:

- **In early June, the Facilities team received an updated look at the concept design and materials, construction timeline, and a reduced price quote.** Acquiring this update from Jamerson-Lewis was in response to a request from the Session's April meeting seeking design and cost saving measures on the project.
- The Facilities and Finance teams then met to discuss the concept changes and budget to present proposals to the Session for final approval. The Finance committee was able to propose a plan without using funds from the endowment or the general operating budget.
- **On Wednesday, June 12, a Called Session Meeting was held to review the new price quote, Finance plan, rebuild timeline, and architectural concept.** After extensive discussion, the Session approved a concept design, budget, and Finance plan.
 - The new concept design will include a rebuild of the current Chancel platform with a short expansion out into the Sanctuary.
 - This expansion will provide the worship space with more mobility for the organ console, more space for special services (think Christmas Play) and concerts and improve the sight line for worship components that often occur on the floor.
- **Last week, we received confirmation on the construction start date and timeline.**
 - **Jamerson-Lewis Construction will begin their work on Monday, August 19th.**
 - The project is anticipated to last approximately 3.5 months with the goal of completion prior to Sunday, December 1, 2024 (the first Sunday of Advent).
 - The Facilities team does need to complete a few preparation projects in the Sanctuary the week of August 12. These projects include enclosing the organ console, covering the pews to prevent dust and damage, and moving the piano.
- **What does this mean?**
 - We will worship in the Sanctuary for the next TWO Sundays: August 4 and August 11.
 - Starting Sunday, August 18, we will transition worship to the Fellowship Hall until the completion of the rebuild project. The staff and Worship Committee are still discussing the impact this will have on the livestream, radio broadcast, and other components of worship. We anticipate sharing additional worship updates or adjustments with you once confirmed.
 - Although the Sanctuary will be closed during this time period, all other church ministries (Office, Sunday School, Bible Studies, etc.) will continue on their regular schedules and spaces.

Questions? If you have any questions about the next steps of this project, please reach out to Martin Knight, Chair of the Facilities Committee, (martinknight1981@gmail.com) or Jody Sprinkle, FPCLY Director of Facilities.

We know this has felt like a long and arduous process that has come with a lot of waiting. We are thankful to now have a construction timeline and grateful for your continued patience and trust along the way. Thank you for your prayers!