

Scope of Sanctuary Renovation

Before we come together on August 15th to vote on initiating the construction phase of the sanctuary renovation project, we wanted to summarize the intent and scope of the project. For the past 98 years, the sanctuary building on the corner of Lake and Santa Barbara avenues has been a place where the congregation has worshiped God, reached out to our friends and neighbors evangelistically, equipped followers of Jesus to live out their calling, and addressed the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of not only the congregation but also the community beyond our walls. In short, the building has been a ministry tool.

Our intent is to give the next generation of congregants and ministry partners a facility that will enable them to carry out their God-given mission in the future. Technical improvements with lighting, sound, and stage design will enable them to engage an in-person and virtual audience simultaneously. Replacing an obsolete HVAC system will permit them to operate energy efficiently in an environment of increased climate extremes. ADA upgrades will make the space safer and more hospitable. Aesthetic enhancements will help transform a building many newcomers find to be visually cold, claustrophobic, and dated into a area that is warm, open, and artistically enriched.

In the past year, groundwork has been completed, the right contractor and architect have been found, and various teams aligned to help the project move forward. We hope to complete many of the items listed below by the Centennial Celebration in late 2022.

Sanctuary Worship Center

- Removal of pews and replacement with chairs designed for worship
- Removal of carpeting and replacement with carpet squares
- Redesigning stage to just two levels and providing accessibility from parking lot to stage and throughout
- ADA seating in worship center
- Creative ways to bring natural light into the sanctuary filtered from our stained glass windows
- Permitting and installing glass to safeguard people on the front edge of balcony
- New lighting and electrical for stage and house
- New audio systems including much more versatile microphones and control systems
- Acoustic panels added for uniform sound distribution and adding aesthetic elements
- New mini-split HVAC systems to handle heating and a/c for the sanctuary as well as some adjoining rooms.
- Painting of sanctuary worship center

Gathering Place/Choir Room/Storage areas

- Remove ceiling tiles (includes asbestos testing and abatement)
- Installing new ceiling tiles
- Install new flooring in GP and Choir Room
- New mini-split HVAC systems to handle heating and a/c for the GP as well as some adjoining rooms.
- Various beautification modifications to GP

West Entrance Hallway and Stairs

- Remove ceiling (includes asbestos testing and abatement)
- Update electrical and lighting. New paint
- New flooring for stairs to Fellowship Hall (Youth Center) and the Balcony