



March 7, 2024

Greetings First Presbyterian Church Family,

All has been a little quiet on the Chancel Update process the last two weeks as we have been in a bit of a holding pattern again waiting for a few things to be completed and information to be processed. We thank you for your patience and sitting in the space of the unknown with us! It has been a special gift the last two weeks to turn lemons into lemonade and worship together in the Fellowship Hall in celebration of both IMPACT and communion. This week, we have a few updates to share:

- **Dodson Pest Control has successfully completed their work** of eliminating the active termites in the Chancel area and protecting the rest of the building.
- **Last Friday, March 1, an air quality assessment was completed in the Sanctuary and throughout the Church and Weekday School.** We are awaiting the official results early next week.
- **Tuesday, February 27, Peter, Jody, Martin Knight (Chair of Facilities Committee), Robert O'Brian, and the Jamerson-Lewis team met with an architect to review the possible reconstruction options/solutions.** Here is what we know from that meeting:
 - The architect has started his work of drawing up contracts and rendering proposals for the project.
 - Jamerson-Lewis is on board to help with the reconstruction components; however, they are in the middle of another large project and will not be able to begin work for another couple of months.
- **This means we will have another period of waiting ahead of us (for these preparation components to take place) before the actual rebuild can occur.** We are working toward a plan to get us back into the Sanctuary for Sunday mornings while we wait for the construction to start. However, we still need a couple of weeks to get a few things in place before we can move back to the Sanctuary for worship.
 - **The week of March 11 (next week), Jamerson-Lewis will be here for approximately four days to transform the "construction zone" into a safe, usable space for worship and other Sanctuary activities.** This will include building temporary stairs and rails and laying down temporary floor board in the front floor area.
 - **After Jamerson-Lewis finishes their work, the organ team will need to return to unbox the organ console and open the organ pipes up.**
- **We will still plan to have Sunday worship in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays March 10 and 17 per Session's vote during February,** but anticipate the strong possibility of being back in the Sanctuary for Palm Sunday (March 24) and Easter Sunday (March 31). We will confirm the return date after we have a better idea.
- **Once all of the preliminary work has been completed and the Jamerson-Lewis crew is scheduled to complete the construction,** we will need to make another temporary shift back to the Fellowship Hall for a short period. Right now, we are unsure of when this will take place and how long the move will need to be.

As more information becomes available, we will keep you informed as best we can. Again, we are grateful for your patience, understanding, and prayers as together we adapt to this unforeseen situation!