



## Chancel Update #5

April 25, 2024

Greetings First Presbyterian Church Family,

It has been about a month since we updated you on the status of the Chancel Project. There has been some behind-the-scenes work taking place, but for the most part, we have remained in a holding pattern as more information is gleaned. We thank you for your patience! Here are a few updates to share:

- **During the first week of April, we received revised rebuild concepts, a timeline for completion, and an approximate overall expense projection.** The Facilities team met to review and discuss all the components.
- **On Sunday, April 14, a Called Session Meeting was held to review the price quote, the rebuild timeline, and the architectural concept.** After extensive discussion, the Session felt it prudent to go back to the architect and construction team with adjustments to the concept design, construction timeline, and materials that would allow cost savings.
- **As a result, we remain in a prayerful holding pattern for the Chancel Project until more information is gleaned.** We will continue to patiently wait for the next steps to be determined.
- **This means that Sunday worship WILL remain in the Sanctuary for the foreseeable future.** We will also be able to continue offering worship via the radio (WLNI 105.9FM) and via livestream (fpclly.org) for those who cannot be here in person.
  - Our organ dedication concert series will not kick off until later this fall. Our first concert was projected to take place soon, but the *First Pres Presents* Committee and the performing organist decided to wait until the fall to keep it closer to the other two concerts and avoid further rescheduling.
- **We are not sure how long these additional project requests will take the architect and construction team,** but anticipate it taking a couple of weeks to hear from them. **After receiving the updated information,** it will take a little more time to be filtered through the Facilities, Finance, and Session channels.
- **When we have more information to share,** we will be sure to send out additional communication and keep you informed.

We know this has felt like a long and arduous process. We know it has come with a lot of waiting. We are grateful for your continued patience and trust throughout the construction process. Thank you for your prayers along the way. They are felt and appreciated!