
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH **CAMPUS** **ENHANCEMENT**

SEPTEMBER 19 UPDATE

PROJECT UPDATE

Since our last communication, the construction team has worked diligently to confirm our project cost of \$2,000,000. This includes an appropriate contingency (reserve) to cover unanticipated issues that may surface during construction. As this cost-review process concludes, our general contractor is drafting the final contract for review by the church, and our architect is finalizing information needed for permitting by the city. The process of contract and city approval requires time and puts our estimated start date of construction at early/mid-November. Wheels are turning on various ways to sequence the construction, i.e., the order of when sub-projects will start and be completed, and we expect to know that in the next 2-3 weeks. While this start date is later than originally expected, the process we have been through to review multiple iterations of the project will pay dividends throughout and after construction.

FUNDING UPDATE

The Session, Facilities and Finance Committee and the Campus Enhancement Team continue to be grateful for the generosity of our covenant partners. We understand this additional request for financial support for Campus Enhancement comes on the cusp of our stewardship season and that may feel like a lot to ask. The weight of our request is something we wrestle with. At the same time, the excitement of a more welcoming campus in the heart of our community is something we long for. Within this tension, we continue to seek God's guidance through prayer, listening to each other, and to our covenant partners. We trust you will do the same. If that means you can give more, that is wonderful. If that means you cannot give more, we are equally grateful for you. Ultimately, we are trusting in God's provision for His church.

As of today, our Campus Enhancement commitments total \$1,776,000 leaving a gap of \$224,000. Praise God for this provision and thank you to those who have made a financial commitment. If you have not already made a commitment, we encourage you to revisit the [August 30 update letter here](#). We are hopeful that additional commitments will be made to the church by September 30, 2024.

As our ministries, missions, and operations of the church continue to move forward with excitement and unity, we pray that we will remain focused on making room in our hearts—and our church—for more people to know Jesus.

Thank you for your prayerful support,
The Campus Enhancement Team
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