

150TH

Birthday Project



FIRST
PRES

*Ceaseless prayer, careful
planning, consecrated
efforts, and sacrificial
giving have been built into
this stately edifice.*

Dr. Howard E. Hansen, March 1959



Our campus itself speaks of Jesus. It is part of who we are and who we will be! It is where future generations will meet Christ. Let this 150th Birthday Gift be the moment to secure our future in the heart of our city.

Lead Pastor Tim McConnell



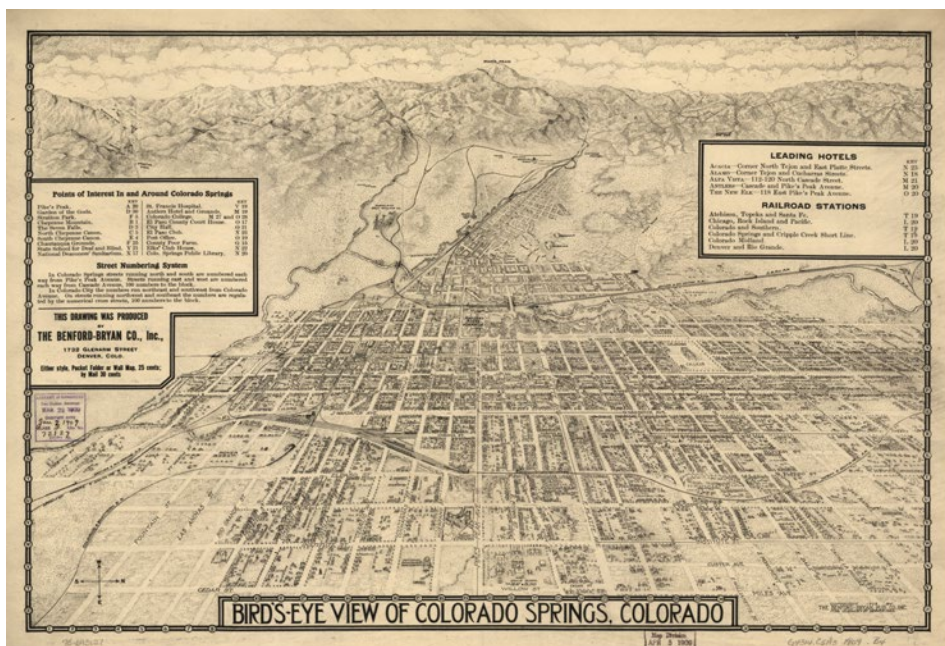
*From left to right are
Ruth Quinlan Tepley,
designer and creative
lead on project;
Tonya Lark, Chair, First
Pres Trustees;
Steve Williams,
Vice Chair, First Pres
Trustees;
Tim McConnell,
Lead Pastor.*



Friends,

We have so much to celebrate—the beginning of the 150th year in ministry by this congregation, the celebration of 39 years of faithful ministry by Jim and Barb DeJarnette, and, as now has become our custom, Vision Weekend! We give glory to our Lord and Savior who guides and leads us into our future.

Tim McConnell has said many times, the Sanctuary has no expiration date. In this guide you will be introduced to a birthday project designed to refresh and update the Sanctuary and Narthex, restore and repair the organ, and provide a beautiful gathering area for our community to sit and meet with friends on Sunday mornings. It's a project that makes good on the promise—that our Sanctuary has no expiration date.



General William Palmer, founder and developer of the original Palmer Plan and himself a Quaker, saw a vision for Colorado Springs as a “city of churches.”

As you read through these pages and look over material presented in areas of our campus, you will see a project that honors the original design of our Sanctuary to provide a space for spiritual retreat, sacred music and the continued preaching of the Gospel. It is a holy space where we meet God the Father. It is a place that makes memories and a place where many of us have felt the Lord's presence in tangible ways.

Obviously, all of this requires financial resources. We are asking our membership body to contribute financially to this endeavor, and we ask everyone to be in prayer as to how you might contribute to this effort. Our goal is to have 100% participation from members of our congregation.

It is our privilege as Chair and Vice Chair of the Trustees to bring this project forward. After much prayer and discernment by your Session, we have felt God calling us as a body forward. He is calling us into the next 150 years of ministry out of a place of strength, of commitment and blessing. At the end of this brochure, you will find multiple ways to give and be a part of this project. We thank you for your consideration and your support. Let's make sure that our Sanctuary is at its best for the next generations to the Glory of God!

Tonya Lark
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Steve Williams
VICE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



Project

SANCTUARY



We have something more than a building; we have a place of worship planned for that purpose in every detail. All of it ought to inspire us to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and then to go forth resolved that the Lord God Almighty shall have a larger place in our affection and our lives.

Dr. Hansen,
Service of Dedication,
March 29, 1959

Sanctuary Overview

The Service of Dedication for this Sanctuary was opened by the choir processing to the hymn *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*. It is possible to imagine a choir processing in our space with organ playing and all the pews filled up. There are still members with us today who recall the opening of this new, magnificent space!

And our beloved Sanctuary is 62 years old.

As we prepare for our future to ensure that a choir is supported, that this space remains one of reverence, there are upgrades and technological infrastructure needs that must be completed to enhance the vitality of worship in this beautiful space for the next generations!

The overall goal is to maintain the beauty and restful nature of this space while improving the needed infrastructure to support audio and visual needs of today's traditional worship style. Our lighting is beyond repair and will be replaced with energy-efficient technology. It is time for us to perform major restoration on the organ to ensure its brilliance into the future and to properly caretake this instrument so near and dear to us as a community.

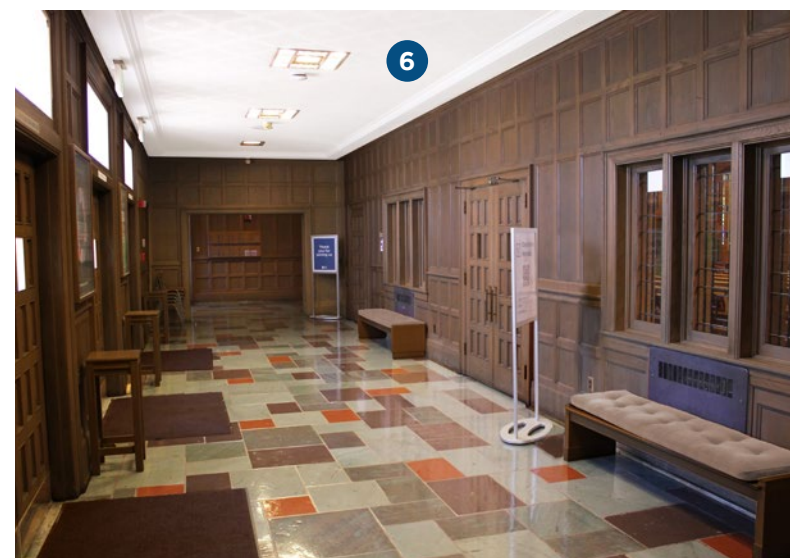
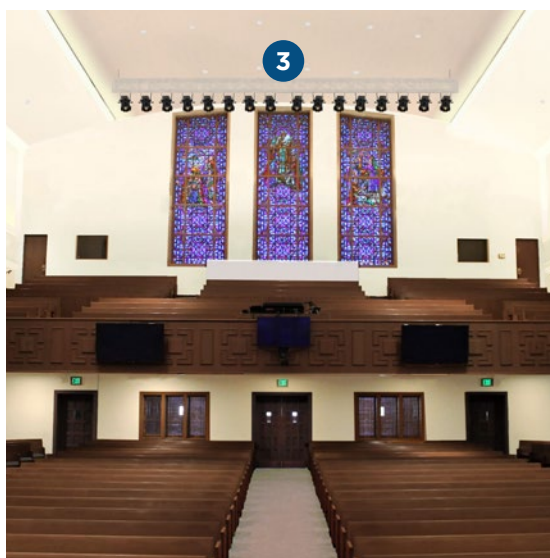
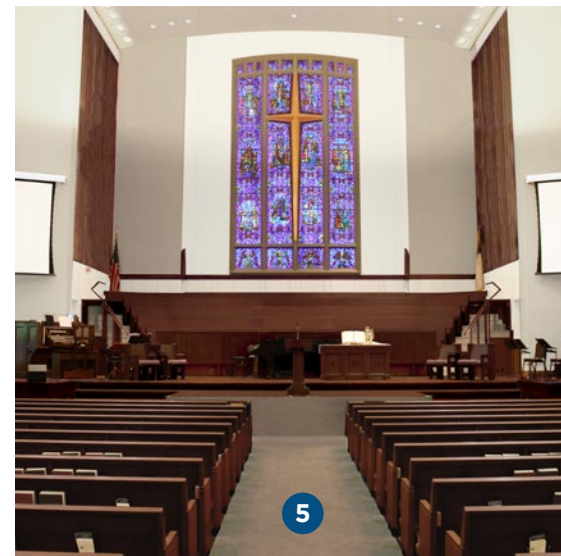
The pictures below show the Sanctuary as it is today. The pictures on the next page show the proposed changes.



Project Scope

- 1 RESTORE AND REFINISH THE PEWS
- 2 REPAIR AND RESTORE THE ORGAN
- 3 UPGRADE AND REPLACE LIGHTING
- 4 REPLACE MAIN SPEAKER SYSTEM AND UPGRADE AUDIO CAPACITY TO SUPPORT THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
- 5 PAINT AND REFRESH COLORS IN THE SPACE, INCLUDING CARPET AND FLOOR FINISHES
- 6 REFRESH ADJOINING OLD AND NEW NARTHEX AREAS TO ALIGN WITH CHANGES BEING MADE IN THE SANCTUARY

Artist's Renderings





Project

THE COMMONS

The Commons Overview

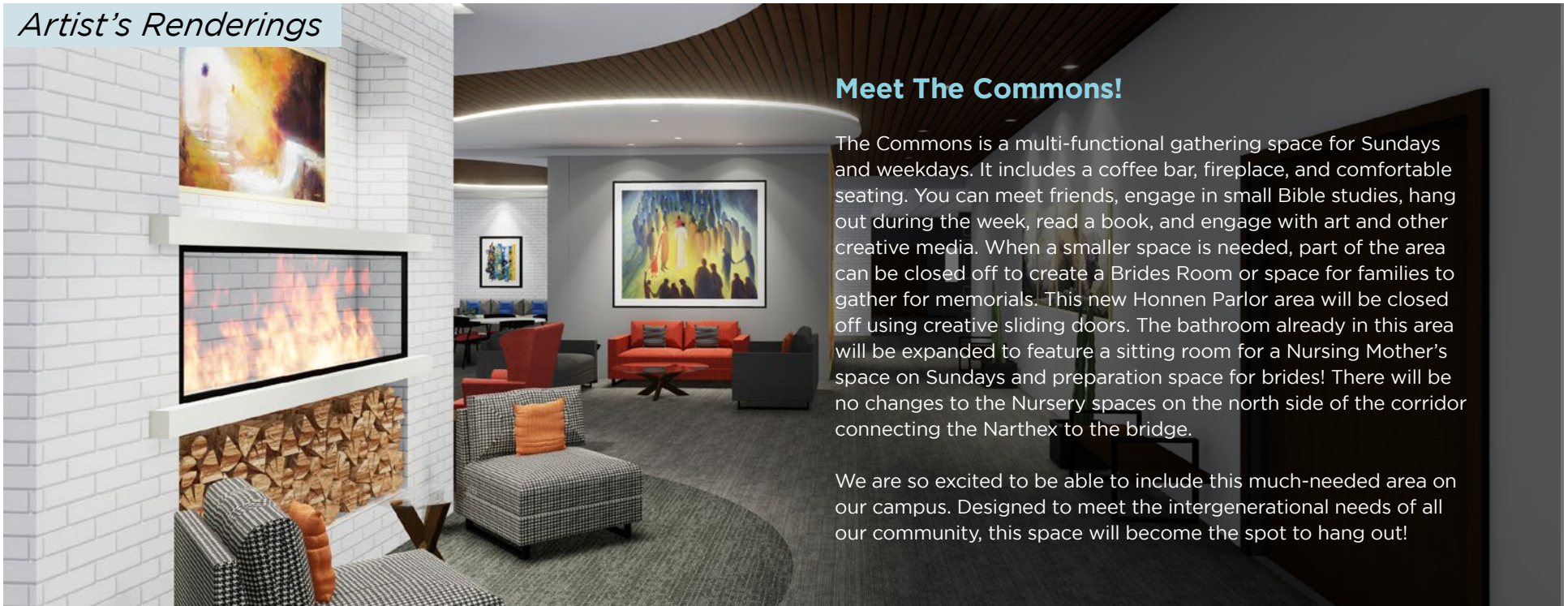
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Today, we enjoy several spaces between the Narthex and the bridge that connects the East and West ends of our campus. The primary space in this area is a room known as the Honnen Parlor. This room celebrates the first woman elected as First Pres Trustee in 1931, Margaret E. Honnen. The Honnen family continued to honor Mrs. Honnen through the establishment of a fund and while the room has moved from time-to-time, we have had a Honnen Parlor since 1951.

Since updating the Worship Center in 2017, we have needed a community gathering space that allows folks to connect and be in community on Sundays and during the week.

Artist's Renderings



Meet The Commons!

The Commons is a multi-functional gathering space for Sundays and weekdays. It includes a coffee bar, fireplace, and comfortable seating. You can meet friends, engage in small Bible studies, hang out during the week, read a book, and engage with art and other creative media. When a smaller space is needed, part of the area can be closed off to create a Brides Room or space for families to gather for memorials. This new Honnen Parlor area will be closed off using creative sliding doors. The bathroom already in this area will be expanded to feature a sitting room for a Nursing Mother's space on Sundays and preparation space for brides! There will be no changes to the Nursery spaces on the north side of the corridor connecting the Narthex to the bridge.

We are so excited to be able to include this much-needed area on our campus. Designed to meet the intergenerational needs of all our community, this space will become the spot to hang out!

Project Scope

- 1 OPEN UP THE SPACE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE HALL THAT EXTENDS TOWARD THE BRIDGE
- 2 MOVE THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOWS PAINTING BY BOB SIMPICH TO A NEW PERMANENT SPACE
- 3 CREATION OF FIREPLACE AND GATHERING AREA
- 4 INCLUSION OF NEW WINDOWS TO BRING IN NATURAL LIGHT
- 5 COFFEE BAR ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE SPACE
- 6 NEW ART SPACES FOR PRESENTATION
- 7 MULTI-FUNCTIONAL FURNITURE FOR GATHERING, INCLUDING WORKTABLES AND READING NOOKS
- 8 ABILITY TO CLOSE PART OF THE SPACE FOR PRIVATE USE FOR MEMORIALS, BIBLE STUDIES AND A BRIDES ROOM
- 9 NURSING MOTHERS ROOM

Artist's Renderings



EMBRACING JESUS

Jimilu Mason (1930-2019), the artist who created the ***Embracing Jesus*** sculpture, is a nationally known sculptor whose commissioned works are in the Smithsonian Collection and the National Portrait Gallery, among many other places. While her work was primarily secular, she created several well-known depictions of Jesus of Nazareth located on sidewalks in Washington, D.C. ***Servant Christ***, located outside a medical facility for homeless men, is one example.

A member of First Pres became aware of Mason's work while located in Washington, D.C., and gathered a small group to commission ***Embracing Jesus*** for First Pres. It was originally planned for outside near the Sanctuary steps. It is time to return this striking piece of art to the outside of our buildings as both a gift to our city and as a symbol of who we are as a community. In an interview in 2012, Mason indicated that her Christ sculptures are a reminder that "... there is more to building a city than brick and mortar, ... leaders must be good servants."

Project Scope

- 1 THE EMBRACING JESUS SCULPTURE WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BIJOU AND NEVADA
- 2 A SMALL WRAPAROUND BENCH WILL BE INSTALLED BEHIND THE SCULPTURE
- 3 IN ADDITION, THE PLANTERS WILL BE LINED AND PLANTINGS REPLACED TO CREATE A MORE PLEASING VISUAL LANDSCAPE

The 150th Birthday Project Will Bring Change and Additions to These Spaces

Sanctuary



Narthex and New Narthex



The Commons



Embracing Jesus Sculpture



FINANCIAL PLAN

Project Cost: \$3.8 million

On August 21, 2013, Dr. Tim Keller preached in the First Pres pulpit. His call that day was to be a passionate voice for the faith in the urban wilderness. He said, "If you want your city to see God's glory and pay attention to the Gospel of Grace, you have to put your lives and your money on the line."

First Pres gives unconditionally in support of local and global mission ministries, programs and projects in the amount of approximately \$1.7 million a year. We give thousands of hours in volunteer time to children and young people, those in great need, refugees, homeless, single moms and their children, education to at-risk kids to name only a few of the many, many places First Pres impacts. First Pres is extraordinarily generous. We do not hide our lamp under a basket.

Our buildings are also a critical piece of our overall ministry in our urban wilderness! Our beloved church campus hosts support groups, two preschools, countless community meetings, prayer groups, small groups, activities and ministries that bring people to faith. Faith-based nonprofits have started at First Pres, impactful city meetings have happened at First Pres. We are a central place in our city where we gather, where relationships are built, where innovation results in new movements. All to the glory of God.

And the most important thing is Sundays when we worship and bring praise to our Father. We updated our Worship Center in 2017. We bring this project forward to update and restore one of our most important spaces—our Sanctuary. The purpose of the Church is to bring glory to God and worship Him forever. Future generations will meet Christ at First Pres.

We do not want to take on debt to complete this project. This project is a primary worship space, so we want to complete the renovation in 12 months. This makes a difference how we fund the Birthday Project. We invite you to pray over your family's gift.

How generous can you be in this 150th year of ministry to secure our future?

How many lives saved, how many people restored, how much welfare for the city will happen as First Pres continues its ministry from our campus to the city? How much can you give to make a reality the future of this place—a thriving, multi-generational ministry on the corner of Bijou and Nevada?

Please give generously. Thank you.





HOW TO GIVE

Send a Check

You can send your check right away, or you can split your gift into as many as four installments. If you are splitting your gift, please use the mailed card to let us know how you would like to give to this birthday project.

I commit to giving to First Pres

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Birthday Project

\$

2 installments of \$

3 installments of \$

4 installments of \$

☐ I will give online at my.firstprescos.org/givenow

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Disburse from IRA or Stock Gifts

You can also send your gift to the church through a stock gift or through other investment vehicles. If you must take a mandatory disbursement from your IRA for this tax year or next tax year, you can designate your disbursement to First Pres tax free. Contact Derrick Jeffers, First Pres Director of Finance, at 719-884-6164 to set up IRA or stock gifts.

Give Online

If you prefer to give online,

CLICK HERE

and select the “Birthday Project” account where you can pay in one installment or set up your gift in up to four installments.



Legacy Gift

If you wish to set up a gift, fund or a Donor Advised Fund in our First Pres Foundation for the purpose of funding this project, contact Derrick Jeffers at 719-884-6164.



Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21