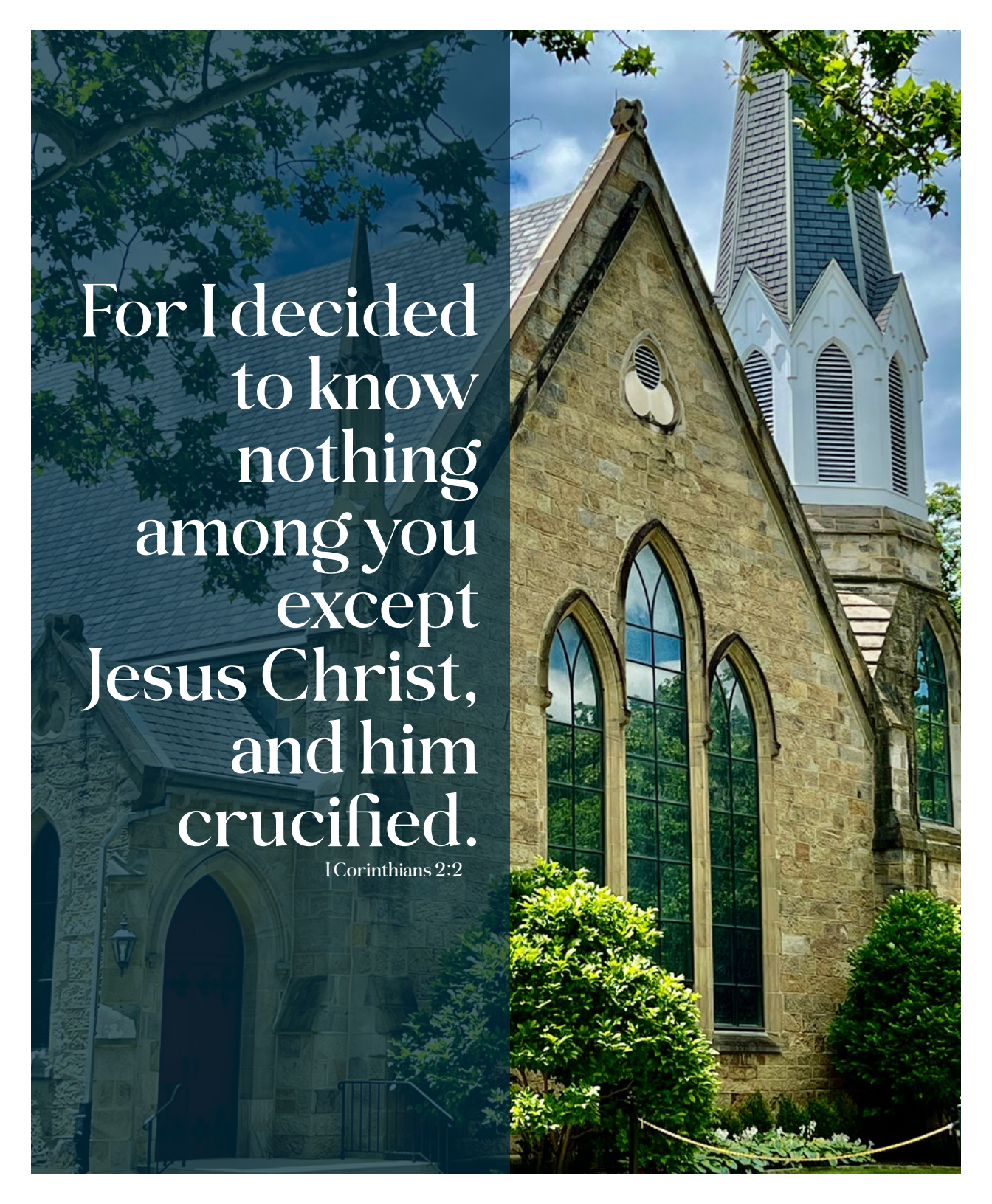




# POINTING TO THE CROSS

— I Corinthians 2:2 —

TOGETHER IN FAITH:  
Enhancing Safety, Access, and Hospitality  
at Sewickley Presbyterian Church



For I decided  
to know  
nothing  
among you  
except  
Jesus Christ,  
and him  
crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2



We point to the cross. Whatever happens in the world around us, Sewickley Presbyterian Church has had the same ministry for centuries. We proclaim the good news of the gospel. Today, we have an opportunity to define that legacy for a new generation – a legacy that has changed and grown in surprising and powerful ways.

As we consider what shape our ministry will take in the future, the one thing we can expect is that God's plans exceed our expectations. For instance, the twenty Presbyterians in 1818 who built a log church would never have imagined our ministry today. They just knew that they could point to the cross more effectively if they were out of the rain. In 1841, when the congregation moved into a small brick building with no seats, today's ministry would be more than they could dare to ask. They just knew that their work pointing to the cross had outgrown their facility.

We could say the same thing about the addition of the Robinson Room in the early 1900's, the Resurrection Chapel in the 1950's, or the Faith House in the early 2000's. Each generation of church leadership met the opportunities before them with new and exciting ways to point to the cross.

Today, we have the chance to further that legacy.

We see the opportunity for our facilities to show greater hospitality to our members, visitors, and neighbors. We see the benefits of spaces that are more accessible for children and adults. We see the importance of making our campus safer and more secure for our ministry. The plan before you will focus on those three areas – hospitality, access, and safety. This is our chance to continue the ministry of our congregation in new and exciting ways. We have the opportunity to shape this joyful legacy and ensure the future of Sewickley Presbyterian Church. Together, let's engage in this campaign and meet the opportunities around us by pointing to the cross.

-- Rev. Derek Davenport



# PROJECT LIST

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## ▶ SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS

### **Updated and Enhanced LED Lighting**

Enhanced lighting will create a more inviting and uplifting atmosphere for worship.

### **Technology Area**

A dedicated space will accommodate sound and ProPresenter equipment for worship services.

### **Choir Loft**

Modifications will provide safe access to the choir loft and improve entry and exit to the Flower Room and storage area.

### **Chancel Area Renovations**

A redesigned Chancel will improve accessibility and efficiency.

### **HVAC System Improvements**

A more efficient heating and cooling system will ensure comfort year-round.

### **Replacement of Flooring**

Updated materials will replace worn-out flooring for safety and aesthetic enhancement.

### **Back Stairwell Renovation**

Renovations will enhance the stairwell's accessibility by ensuring it meets current safety standards.

## ▶ ROBINSON ROOM RENOVATIONS

### **Window Replacement**

New windows will replace broken ones, improving efficiency.

### **Replacement of Flooring**

Replacing the worn-out flooring will enhance the sanctuary updates, creating a safer and more welcoming atmosphere.

### **HVAC System Improvements**

A new cooling system will enable year-round use and comfort.

### **New Furnishings**

Updated seating will create a welcoming gathering space.



# PROJECT LIST

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## ▶ DINING ROOM

### **HVAC System Improvements**

A new cooling system will enable year-round use and comfort.

## ▶ AROUND OUR CAMPUS

### **Church Elevator Control Panel**

Necessary updates will ensure the continued functionality and safety of our elevator.

### **Increased Campus Security**

Upgraded security measures will keep our campus safe for all who visit.

### **Manse Repairs**

Needed repairs to the back entryway steps, porches and basement walls will ensure the safety and longevity of our manse.

### **Fire Alarm System**

An updated fire alarm system will ensure compliance and safety in our facilities.

### **Sanctuary Piano**

The replacement of the sanctuary piano earlier in 2024 diminished our Murdoch Music Endowment, resulting in an ongoing yearly reduction in our budget for music ministry. To ensure continued support for the music program, the Worship & Music Committee requested that the Capital Campaign include this fund.

## ▶ MISSION OUTREACH

While the capital campaign primarily focuses on essential renovations to our church's facilities, our church's calling extends beyond our walls. As part of this campaign, we are committing to a one-time mission gift, a tithe (10%) of the estimated construction costs to support outreach and service in the wider world.



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together!

Sewickley Presbyterian Church  
Mission & Vision

# THE BOTTOM LINE

## *What will it cost?*

As you can see below, we will need many commitments to be able to complete the Project List. Please prayerfully consider making your commitment to help us complete the work at hand.

PROJECT COSTS	
Sanctuary	\$ 1,240,000
Robinson Room windows	\$ 40,000
Grant Street stairs, flooring & Robinson Room flooring	\$ 200,000
Robinson Room & Dining Room HVAC	\$ 175,000
Elevator Controls	\$ 120,000
Manse Repairs	\$ 10,000
Campus Security	\$ 150,000
Fire Alarm Systems	\$ 25,000
Other Construction Costs	\$ 248,500
Contingency (15%) & Insurance	\$ 335,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,544,000</b>
Tithe for Mission (10%)	\$ 254,400
Loan Interest	\$ 101,600
Sanctuary Piano	\$ 100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 456,000</b>
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	<b>\$ 3,000,000</b>

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

▶ ***What is the difference between a capital campaign & annual stewardship campaign, and why do we do it that way?***

Stewardship can be viewed as the way we respond to community and church needs, whether through financial gifts, volunteering time and expertise, or some other contribution. It is the mission and ministry of the church.

A capital campaign is the mechanism we use to take care of the buildings, the property of the church where mission and ministry is done.

It may be helpful to compare these campaigns to a household budget. On the one hand, utilities, taxes, and small repairs are often part of an annual home budget. These annual expenses are like the items addressed by the annual stewardship campaign - they are regular, recurring items.

On the other hand, a family's annual budget rarely covers items like a new roof, furnace, or major appliance. These are typically infrequent extras, and have to be funded another way. These large, infrequent expenses are akin to the expenses covered by a capital campaign.

▶ ***Will we be displaced from the Sanctuary during renovations?***

During the renovation period, we will be temporarily displaced from the sanctuary, just as we were when the roof was replaced over 40 years ago. Sewickley Academy has graciously agreed to host our congregation during this time.

▶ ***What happens if we do not receive enough money in pledges to complete all the projects?***

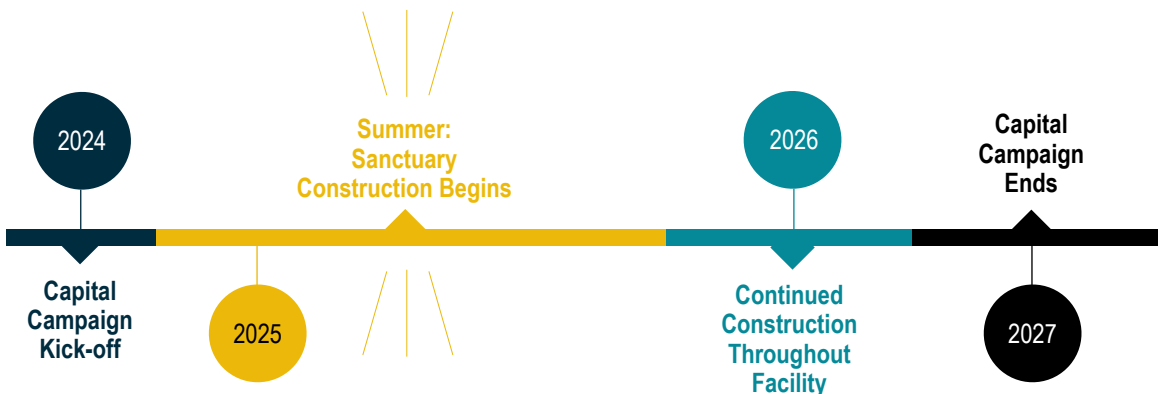
Once pledges are received, the Capital Campaign Committee will review them against the proposed budget. If we exceed our goal or if there is a shortfall, our Session will make decisions about which additional possible components of the project may need to be completed, postponed or eliminated.

# PROJECT TIMELINE

## ► *What is the timeline for the project and campaign gifts?*

We will not undertake this project without money to back it. We aim to secure at least \$3 million in pledges by the end of 2024. We cannot make plans for construction without firm pledges that will allow us to make a budget. Our goal is to get construction bids early in 2025 with plans to begin construction in June, 2025.

The campaign will run for three years, allowing pledges to be fulfilled through 2027. We encourage you to consider your overall giving strategy, including options like donating appreciated stock or front loading your pledge into the first year, as these may offer tax advantages.



# GIFTS & PLEDGES

## ▶ How do I pledge and make a gift to the campaign?

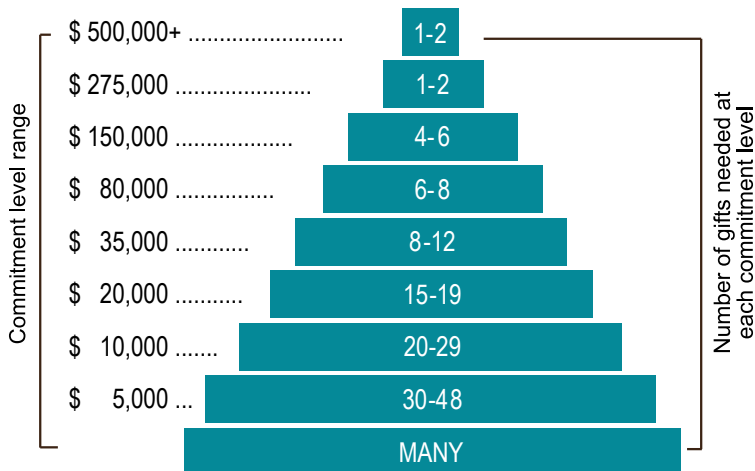
Pledges can be made in two ways: by using the enclosed pledge card and returning it in the self-addressed envelope, or on our website under the Give tab.

Gifts can be made on our website or by sending a check to the church office: Attention Laura Mikush. Please make a note that your gift is for the Capital Campaign.

	Gift Year 1	Gift Year 2	Gift Year 3
2024	2025	2026	2027

### Pledges & Pre-Paid Gifts

- ▶ Below you will find an example of the number of gifts in each range given over the three years of the campaign. For example, a pledge of \$20,000 might be fulfilled by three annual gifts of \$6,700. In the scenario below, we would anticipate 15-19 such pledges.



# TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR PLEDGE

- ▶ **Reflect on Your Giving Capacity:** Consider how much you can give over the three-year campaign period. Look at your income, savings, and other financial commitments to determine what level of giving feels right for you and your family.
- ▶ **Consider Different Types of Gifts:** In addition to cash gifts, consider non-cash assets like appreciated stock, which can offer significant tax benefits. Donating stock that has increased in value can help you avoid capital gains taxes while still supporting the campaign.
- ▶ **Spread Your Pledge Over Time:** Pledging over three years allows for flexibility. You can contribute monthly, quarterly, or annually, depending on what works best for your budget.
- ▶ **Front Load Your Pledge:** If possible, consider frontloading your pledge (giving more in the first year). This can help the church secure necessary funds early on and might provide you with tax benefits, particularly if you itemize deductions.
- ▶ **Involve Your Family:** Make the campaign a family conversation. Encouraging children or other family members to give in smaller amounts can instill a sense of shared responsibility and commitment to the future of the church.
- ▶ **Match Donations Through Your Employer:** Many companies offer matching gift programs, where they match your charitable donations. Check with your employer to see if this is an option, as it can significantly increase the impact of your gift.
- ▶ **Pray About Your Decision:** Take time to reflect on how God is calling you to contribute to the future of the church. Let prayer guide your decision as you consider your pledge.



“You ask, ‘So what am I supposed to do?’  
A gift would do from me and you.  
So give with love, with joy from your heart.  
You know it’s time to do our part.  
So those who come along after us  
will sing, will pray and will even discuss.  
They’ll say, ‘Those folks who were here  
and have now passed  
They gave so much so this church would last.’”

– Mark Gensheimer, Sunday, October 13, 2024 –

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# THANK YOU!

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