



March 1, 2022

Dear faith family,

Five years ago the people of Christ Presbyterian Church set out on a quest to build a long-awaited sanctuary. Thanks to the faithfulness of God and your generosity (nearly \$1.3 million!) we now worship in a beautiful sanctuary that also serves as a fellowship hall. Since our first Sunday in 2018 we have agreed that *our new home exceeds our hopes and dreams!*

Two years ago we began the promised follow-up campaign *Forward in Faith 2020* to pay off the remaining debt and update the rest of our campus for children, youth, and families. Then the pandemic struck and we postponed *FIF2020*. *Now the time has come to reignite this campaign that is so vital for the future of our church!*

I hope you will study the attached flyer that makes the case for resuming *Forward in Faith 2020*. You'll discover that while the campaign was postponed, many of us kept right on giving anyway—and those gifts and pledges have put us in the amazing position of being able to meet our primary campaign goal of completely eliminating our debt of \$1.15 million by June 2023, as we had originally hoped! (Cue the *Hallelujah Chorus* here!)

I also hope the flyer makes it abundantly clear that the campaign is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end. Its deepest purpose is to fulfill the vision God has given us to strengthen our church's witness and mission, now and in the years to come.

Since the purpose of the project is deeply spiritual, it is appropriate that we seek to raise the funds necessary in a deeply spiritual way. As in 2017, we are conducting a capital campaign that will be much more of a spiritual journey than a classic fundraiser. Indeed, the whole campaign can be summarized as inviting every member of the church to pray a simple prayer on a daily basis from now through Commitment Sunday, April 10:

***Dear Lord, what would You do through me to accomplish Your vision in our church?
Help me discern a sacrifice for our campaign that is meaningful and joyful.***

No one will tell you what you *should* give to this campaign. Instead you're invited to discover through prayer what you *may* give. We don't want anyone's decision influenced by guilt, pressure, or manipulation. We want it to be all about faithfulness, joy and gratitude.

Forward Faith 2020 was already well underway two years ago, and so concluding it will be quick and simple. Please plan to be part of these fun events!

Sunday, March 27 Kickoff for reignited *FIF2020*, including video and Q&A after worship

Sunday, April 3 One Outdoor Worship Service at 10 a.m. followed by lunch

Plus our homemade play *Off to See the Wizard* & church family fun!

Sunday, April 10 Commitment Sunday: return of pledge cards & Palm Sunday worship

Let's move forward in faith together as we finish *FIF2020* strong!

Faithfully,

Greg