

Bayside Presbyterian Church
2020 Vision Plan
for Sanctuary Repairs and Upgrades



In the summer of 2017, a committee was formed to investigate, review and provide recommendations to the Session regarding long-overdue repairs and quality upgrades to our 70-year-old Sanctuary. The goal was to create a more welcoming and fulfilling environment for both Contemporary and Traditional forms of worship, as well as a venue that would be welcoming to various outside organizations who currently use or may be attracted to use our Sanctuary for worship or other appropriate public performances. Any recommendations for modifications had to be sensitive to the historical and familiar appearance of the chancel as well as to the Sanctuary as a whole. This plan would become the 2020 Vision Plan. Over the past 2-1/2 years, the developing committee reviewed many issues and options to provide repairs and quality upgrades to the church. Recommendations from the committee were

taken to the Session on multiple occasions, resulting in the approval for finalization of projects and solicitation for contractor bids. To support this effort, the committee researched many local church revitalization projects, visited improved sanctuaries, and met with multiple organ installers.

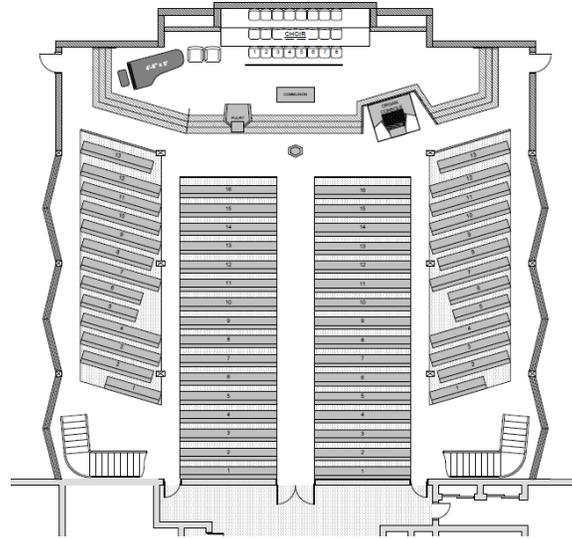
With the final list of upgrades approved and prioritized, the process of negotiation and approval of contractor bids began with the final goal of making wonderful improvements to our Sanctuary. This included a contract for the replacement of our organ with a new hybrid pipe and electronic organ. That significant upgrade and the desire to more effectively incorporate all of our various music programs into our worship services required an expansion of the chancel to accommodate our various vocal and instrumental programs. Structural changes provided a catalyst for refurbishment and replacement of pews, flooring materials and lighting. The feasibility of making these wonderful upgrades was upon us, and if not done now, it would only be a matter of time before opportunity would be replaced by necessity, and at a much higher cost.

Significant to the decision to replace our organ and undertake major improvements to our Sanctuary was the receipt of some very generous individual financial donations from congregation members. Additionally, the availability of local grants further justified making these improvements now. Those financial blessings provided the opportunity to undertake the project with a very reasonable balance to be financed from the majority of our membership.

After visits to our sanctuary and analysis of our current acoustics and physical arrangements by multiple organ manufacturers and installers, an agreement was made with a world-renowned company who will assemble and install a custom-built organ console and multiple ranks of pipes designed specifically for use in our Sanctuary. This state-of-the-art instrument will perform not only as a traditional pipe organ but also will be able to provide modern, high-quality digital sound production as well as the capability to artistically combine both digital and pipe tones. This organ will join a very select number of similar installations recently completed in Southeast Virginia churches. In addition to significantly enhancing our music programs, this instrument will provide an attractive venue for various community musical concerts and visiting soloists.



A new organ and the desire to enhance music within our worship necessitated relocating the organ console and the choir from the balcony of the church to the chancel. This adjustment has been in discussion for years and was confirmed by the positive feedback in relocating the choir from the balcony to the front pews for the past 2 years. Additionally, music contributions from the Praise Team, youth choirs, and vocal and instrumental ensembles and soloists have been difficult to support and integrate into worship without appropriate space and support systems that are limited by our current chancel size and design. Increasing the depth and width of the chancel and installing significant upgrades to the electrical and lighting systems will provide a worship environment more pleasing to the congregation as well as to those offering their musical gifts of worship. The chancel expansion is being designed to increase floor space while preserving the original and existing appearance of the Sanctuary.



You Can Help!!

An inspection of the condition and existing damage to our pews reveals that repairs are not only needed but long overdue. The best opportunity to make the required repairs, including re-padding and recovering of the pews, would be during the time when chancel enlargement is in progress, since the pews will have to be removed. While the pews are removed for repairs, there is the opportunity to replace our tile flooring and upgrade the existing carpet. The existing flooring and carpet have been damaged and repaired multiple times over the years, but the financial and convenient opportunity is now for a complete upgrade.

A pledge card is included in this brochure for your consideration and support in financing these projects. Additional pledge cards are available in the church office or on the welcome station in the Atrium. The details of the evolution, decisions, and implementation of this plan are many, and it is hoped that this brochure provided an adequate outline of the process followed to get us where we are today. If you have any specific questions regarding the Sanctuary upgrades, please feel free to contact the office staff to be put in contact with one of the committee members who have been deeply involved in the details of this project.



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Thank you for consideration and donation!

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