



**Forest Lake**  
Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

# 2020 FEASIBILITY STUDY

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Dear Friends,

There is an anonymous Greek proverb that says, "Society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." Forest Lake Presbyterian Church is planning for a future that belongs to God and that will continue to provide place for worship, Christian education and service here on the corner of North Trenholm and Rockbridge Roads. But, we know that there are some things that need to be done to our existing building that will enable us to continue to be faithful to the foundations that have already been laid here. Generations before us built these buildings so that we could call this place our faith home. And now it is our turn to make sure that this church exists and is functional for generations to come.

The Property Ministry and Session have been talking for over a year about projects that need our attention, and they have decided to ask for your input. There are a number of smaller projects that seem simple and obviously must be done. But the cumulative cost is beyond our annual property budgets. Then, there are two big projects that will, I think, generate a lot of interest and discussion: rebuilding the existing playground and upgrading the church's kitchen. Before you form your opinions, I hope that you will walk around the church and look at both sites. Imagine yourself as a young parent considering this church as your church home. Does our existing playground send the message that we value little children? Beyond that, could it be made safer and accessible to children of all abilities? And the current church kitchen appears to be a commercial kitchen, but if we were ever to do more than incidental cooking, it would need a grease trap and a new oven/cooktop.

There is a lot to consider. But, I ask you to consider how you have benefited from this church's physical plant, and to consider how you can be a part of making sure that it will work well for the generations who come after us. We want to be those who do what is necessary to provide "shade" and support for the disciples of Jesus who will come after us. It is our turn to do for the future generations of FLPC what the charter members did for us.

When members of the Feasibility Study Committee ask to meet with you, please say "Yes!" It will not take much time and your input is important. Read through this brochure carefully. Participate in this process, for the integrity of our building and for the future mission and service of this church. Eric and I have made our pledge of support already, and I hope that you will join us.

Grace and Peace,

Ellen Fowler Skidmore

# FEASIBILITY STUDY Q AND A

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**Q.** Has a Capital Campaign already been approved by the Session?

**A.** No. The Feasibility Study Team will bring a report to the Session on March 15, 2020.

**Q.** What is the estimated amount we hope to raise in a possible future Capital Campaign?

**A.** \$910,000 for the total amount for the projects. The Benevolence project is an additional \$91,000 (10% of the project total).

**Q.** What is the amount we need to pay off our current debt?

**A.** \$0.00. At present Forest Lake Presbyterian Church has completely satisfied all debts related to Building renovation as well as purchase and installation of the new Organ.

**Q.** Have FLPC members already begun to make commitments during this Feasibility Study?

**A.** Yes, \$215,800 has already been committed to the church if the Capital Campaign is approved. All members of the Feasibility Study have already made their commitments.

**Q.** What is our Benevolence Project and who does it support?

**A.** If approved by the Session, the Benevolence Project(s) will be designated by the Session upon the approval of Capital Campaign.

**Q.** If we proceed with a Capital Campaign, when will I make my pledge to the Capital Campaign?

**A.** The Capital Campaign Committee will recommend a timeline for the pledge-making process.

**Q.** If approved by the Session, how long will this campaign last? How many months will we make pledge payments?

**A.** The campaign pledges will be paid between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2023. This would be a 36-month campaign.

**Q.** If the campaign is approved, can I pay all of my pledge on the front end of the campaign?

**A.** Absolutely! We invite all FLPC households to make a pledge. The schedule on which you pay your pledge is your decision. We simply ask that all pledges be complete by 6/30/23.

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## A STORY OF GENEROUS PEOPLE

Over the last 30 years the members of FLPC have demonstrated incredible generosity.

- 1988 Capital Campaign .....\$800,000.00
- 1999 Capital Campaign ..... \$1,204,889.74
- 2002 Capital Campaign..... \$654,172.96
- 2006 Capital Campaign (pledges.....\$903,000.00
- 2006-2018 New Organ and Renovations ..... \$857,070.18

# SEVENTEEN PROPOSED PROJECTS

## + A BENEVOLENCE ELEMENT

### REDESIGN AND RENOVATE KITCHEN

Install grease trap, fix ventilation, improve sound isolation from Fellowship Hall, replace oven, and improve old kitchen. Address significant issues in our kitchen and expand use of the kitchen.



**\$170,000**

### PLAYGROUND REPAIRS AND UPGRADE

Bring the playground up to 2020 standards, including ADA standards and improve playground safety and security. This includes surface replacement, drainage, tree removal, new equipment, and fencing. The playground has degraded over time and improvements will provide safety and security (and handicap access) for the children using the playground. The playground is used during Sunday services, and other events, such as VBS, Kirk Night, CampMates, and other church events.



**\$175,000**

### HVAC REPLACEMENTS AND INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL THERMOSTATS

FLPC has 24 HVAC units, most very old. This will fund future replacement of the next 8 to 12 units and standardize thermostats for more efficient control.



Replacement of HVAC is not in the operating budgets. This funding sets us up for several years. Also, standardizing with the appropriate thermostats improves programming and control, resulting in improved energy efficiency and lower utility bills.

**\$110,000**

### SECURITY PROJECTS

Includes perimeter and other cameras, uniform door locks, and monitoring process. Standardize SS rooms, improve Nursery and weekday safety, and be prepared.



**\$80,000**

### TELEPHONE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Replace existing system with current technology. Current system is old and needs upgrades.



**\$6,000**

### PAINTING

Paint hallways, stairwells, etc., primarily the public areas. It's needed since it's been many years since this was done.



**\$20,000**

### REDESIGN AND RENOVATE COMMUNITY ROOM

These rooms are used for AA, NA, NAMI, etc. This will allow access to restrooms inside and to make them ADA compliant. Our Community Room supports the community and is a good outreach ministry for the church. The goal is to bring restrooms up to 2020 standards and provide a safe and comfortable place for these community groups.



**\$30,000**

### FAMILY PROMISE UPGRADES

Convert one of our janitor closets into a family bathroom shower and restroom. This allows those staying for Family Promise to take a shower while staying at FLPC. Today, they must go elsewhere to bathe while staying at FLPC.



**\$30,000**

### CARPET / FLOORING REPLACEMENT

This includes the Parlor (improved flooring) and Sunday School classrooms. The Parlor floor needs flooring other than carpet for long term maintenance. Other areas need new carpet.

**\$50,000**



### AUDIO / VISUAL UPGRADES

Improve Sanctuary sound (including headphones for hearing impaired), and provide equipment for presentations. Set up two rooms, the Parlor, and the Fellowship Hall for presentations. Improve the Sanctuary system overall.

**\$55,000**



### PARKING LOT RESURFACING

Fix cracks and resurface parking lot, including re-stripping. Cracks are showing in the parking lot. Without the resurfacing soon, the damage will be worse and the fix much more substantial and expensive.

**\$25,000**



### LANDSCAPING AND WATER DETENTION

Add trees and add two water detention basins. The water detention basins minimize the runoff into Gill's Creek and allow us to be better environmental stewards.

**\$70,000**



### IRRIGATION WELL EXPANSION

Expand irrigation well to support the playfield, children's garden, and Memorial Garden.

This allows us to water these areas without using city water, which is a cost savings and environmental benefit.

**\$16,000**



### HANDICAP ACCESS DOOR FOR DOWNSTAIRS LOBBY ENTRANCE

This provides automatic door opening for handicap access. Meet 2020 standards and improve access.

**\$7,000**



### FIRE ALARM AND FIRE DOORS UPGRADES

Improve fire alarm and assure fire doors work as required. Bring to 2020 standards.

**\$6,000**



### WATERPROOF NARTHEX STAINED GLASS WINDOW AND RESEAL SANCTUARY WINDOWS

During hard rains and wind, the windows leak. Fix this to prevent a more expensive fix in the future.

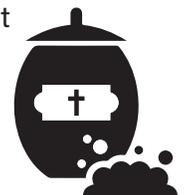
**\$25,000**



### MEMORIAL GARDEN EXPANSION

Set aside funds for future expansion of the Memorial Garden. It is expected that we will be out of space in the Memorial Garden in 3 to 5 years. This sets aside some funding to support future plans for this area.

**\$35,000**



### BENEVOLENCE COMPONENT

As with previous Capital Campaigns, FLPC has included a benevolence portion. Past benevolences have been to Thornwell, PC, and the building of a Habitat House. To be determined based on churchwide feedback.

**\$91,000**



# PLAYGROUND



# KITCHEN



# COMMUNITY ROOM





### **SUZANNE AND DAVE PRECHT**

We have been members of FLPC for many years – Suzanne for most of her life and Dave for the past 30 years. We were married in this church and raised our children here. We love this church and our church family and want to do our part in not only maintaining the facilities and bringing them up to today's standards, but to improve outreach into the community through the use of our facilities. Besides our worship services, Sunday School, VBS, FLY, KIRK night, and other events, there are many outside groups that use our church – more than most of us know. There are parts of our facilities that are beyond the normal day-to-day maintenance, which is beyond what the yearly budget can support. We are co-chairing the Capital Campaign Feasibility task force because we feel strongly that we need to do these projects to improve our facilities and set them up well for the next decade. We hope that all of the church families will join us and donate over the next three years so we can improve our facilities to make Forest Lake Presbyterian a safe, secure, and comfortable place to worship for years to come.



### **DR. JOHN HUDGENS**

"My family joined Forest Lake Presbyterian Church 47 years ago and have been part of several Capital Campaigns. Each time we repaired and improved our facilities. Guess what! It's time to do it again. My wife, Martha was heavily involved in the addition of the current Parlor. I thought of her and the others who were instrumental in past campaigns as we greeted friends after her memorial service in the Parlor that she helped create. I hope every Church Family will help with this Campaign to repair and improve God's house that we call Forest Lake Presbyterian Church."



### **JOE DAVENPORT**

I have been a member of Forest Lake Church for 12 years. During this period it has been my pleasure to serve as an Elder and to chair the Personnel Ministry. I have observed firsthand the commitment of our officers, staff, and congregation to our church. I have also observed a tremendous growth of young families joining us. These families with their children are the future of Forest Lake. I feel a deep responsibility to provide an updated God's House at this time. By providing the funds thru this Capital Campaign we may prevent the need for our younger families having to secure expensive long term debt in the future.



### **TOM LECLAIR**

Our church and facilities enable us directly to use our heads, hearts and hands in the service of Jesus. From worship to education to service projects, our church and facilities are the physical places from which we plan and implement our discipleship activities. Our congregation and the guests we invite to engage with us should be comfortable and safe in our facilities. We, as congregation members and stewards of our facilities, are called from time to time to contribute financially to the maintenance and upgrading our facilities. Our contributions to the capital campaign afford us the opportunity to continue and expand our service.



### **KEVIN & SARA TYER**

When Sara and I first started coming to Forest Lake it felt like home immediately. We were searching for a place where children's ministry was valued, where we could all grow in our faith journey, and where we felt comfortable. Forest Lake has become a special place to us and a place where it is very evident God is at work. The church is very blessed to have resources to use so we can transform the head, heart and hands of others in the service of Christ. This requires the generosity of others though to continue this service. Mark 12: 41-44 is the story of the poor widow's offering. I love this story because it reminds me of the importance of giving what we have. This will vary from household to household but God loves a cheerful giver. We ask that you please consider making a pledge, regardless of the amount, to something that continues to allow Forest Lake to be active within the church and community serving others in Christ's name.