

A church renewed



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN ANSELMO
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2017—2020

Our faith. Our future. Our time.



Dear friends and neighbors,

First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo has existed for more than a century. Originally established to serve the needs of the seminary community, we expanded in the 1950s to take a more central place in the life of San Anselmo. Duncan Hall, the sanctuary, and the education wing were all built for traditional Sunday morning worship, fellowship events, and Sunday School for hundreds of children.

Times have changed.

Today, our Marin neighbors define themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” People are busier, working harder, and tapping into more technologies. Yet we see a deep longing for connection to God and to each other.

We have a unique opportunity to evolve once again to meet the needs of today’s Marin. To serve a community that is looking for a new type of church experience — where it’s less about believing and more about following Jesus.

Come be a part of our plans for improving our buildings and ministries for the next generation. Together, let’s renew our vision for our future.

With love and gratitude,



The Rev. Dr. Joanne Whitt
Pastor and Head of Staff

Imagine all we can be

We are blessed with the location and facilities to make a real difference in the Marin community for decades to come:

As a **safe** place where the homeless can eat and sleep, where our neighbors can re-group in the event of a natural disaster, or where preschool children and disabled adults can thrive.

As a place to **learn and grow**, with classes and programs for the community, where adults can wrestle with big questions, and all can learn what it means to practice Christianity in a world that can seem confusing and unfair.

As a **giving** place where people can lend a hand to those in need, share a meal, or fight systemic causes of social injustice.

As a place for **healing**, whether through music, art, dance, exercise, laughter, prayer, contemplation, acceptance, or forgiveness.

As a place to **know God**.

Today's needs and challenges

We've worked as a congregation to identify our top priorities for the next five years.

Welcome our neighbors and visitors

VISION: We want all who enter our doors to feel they are in a place that is alive, loved, and cared for. Fresh landscaping, clean bathrooms, refurbishments and clear signage will better meet the needs of all those we serve — our own congregation as well as staff, visitors, preschoolers and their families, Cedars staff and clients, non-profit groups that use our facilities, concertgoers, and our Green Chautauqua lecture audiences.

CHALLENGE: Today our worship services and most of our ministries take place in buildings that are 60 years old, with serious and overdue needs for maintenance and modernization. Bathrooms are dingy, pipes are leaking, and it's hard for newcomers to find their way around.

Make our Sanctuary building more functional

VISION: Improving our sound and video capabilities will make our worship services more vibrant and accessible, and also support more types of events, performances, and concerts for the larger Marin community.

CHALLENGE: Our sanctuary was designed in the 1950s with a traditional Sunday morning worship in mind. We haven't kept pace with modern needs and expectations for large gathering places, including accessibility for people with disabilities.

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl... In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:13-16 NIV

Where is God taking us?

Protect the value of our facilities

VISION: The San Anselmo Preschool, Cedars of Marin, and other non-profits use our spaces and are extensions of our mission. By repairing and modernizing these facilities we can preserve excellent relationships with our tenants. We can also attract additional room users who are providing valuable services to our community.

CHALLENGE: The roof over the education wing is in desperate disrepair. Shingles are crumbling and skylights are leaking. Landon Court floods in the winter, making it unusable for the preschool and other groups. Interior and exterior walls need a fresh coat of paint.

Reduce our carbon footprint

VISION: Climate change is one of the most urgent problems of the modern era. With the largest solar array of any church in Northern California, we're serious about reversing the impact of man-made fossil fuels to our planet. We can do more. By adding more solar panels to the new roof space, we are better stewards of God's creation.

CHALLENGE: Single-pane windows in our buildings and fluorescent lighting waste the resources we are trying to protect.

Planned Improvements and Projected Costs

This capital campaign will enable us to raise money for necessary improvements outside the scope of our annual operating budget, enabling us achieve our vision.

Welcome our neighbors and visitors	\$100,000
◆ Bathroom improvements	
◆ Landscaping and bike rack	
◆ Duncan Hall improvements and breezeway	
◆ Better signage	
Protect the value of our facilities	\$150,000
◆ New roof over preschool and educational wing	
◆ Major roof repairs on other buildings	
◆ Fix Landon Court and office drainage	
◆ Improve reliability of heating system	
◆ Repair and refinish selected floors	
◆ Patch and repaint interior and exterior	
Make our Sanctuary building more functional	\$56,000
◆ New sound and video system	
◆ Convert Library into a multi-purpose room	
◆ Remodel the Fireside Room kitchen	
◆ Improved wheelchair and handicap access	
Reduce our carbon footprint	\$60,000
◆ New solar panels	
◆ New double-pane windows	
◆ New LED lights in selected areas	
Tithe for mission	\$34,000

Key Phases



- New preschool and education wing roofs.
 - Sanctuary building sound system, bathrooms, and landscaping.
 - Fix Landon Court drainage.
- Flat roof repairs.
 - Sanctuary video system and lighting improvements.
 - Library and Fire-side Room kitchen remodel.
- Solar panels, energy and water conservation.
 - Interior and exterior wall and floor refinishing.

We've only just begun

Our capital improvements lay the necessary foundation, but our real work is focused on ways we can grow as an ever more outward-facing, wholeheartedly welcoming congregation.

Earlier this year, we kicked off a year-long coaching engagement with the Center for Progressive Renewal. This process will enable us to reimagine our core values, and revitalize our programs and our communications. Our focus includes:

Spreading the word far and wide

Improve our outreach with a new website, welcome video, social media formats and community-based worship to reach seekers who may be skeptical about the traditional church.

Expressing radical hospitality

Expand and equip our Sunday morning teams so that everyone who visits feels known and welcomed and given an opportunity to connect with God and others.

Putting our facilities to meaningful use

Promote new uses for our classrooms, sanctuary, and Duncan Hall buildings to better serve our congregation and Marin.

To learn more about this initiative, reach out to anyone on the Visioning Team:

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Next Steps

To be a part of our vision for the future, please prayerfully consider how much you can give.

Look for a pledge packet arriving in the mail, or visit our website at www.togetherweserve.org/campaign2017.

By making a pledge, you will be making it possible for this church to play a vital and continued role in Marin — as a safe, welcoming place for all those who seek a connection to God, to each other, and to our world.

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