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2 Corinthians 9:7
Each of you should
give what you have
decided in your
heart to give, not
reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God
loves a cheerful
giver.

Dear Members and Friends of Market Square Presbyterian Church,

The members of the Capital Campaign Committee for Organ and Sanctuary Renovations invite you to join us in making this exciting and ambitious plan a reality. Church leaders have identified half the necessary funds - but success also requires a personal investment by those of us who call MSPC our spiritual home, or who admire the church's commitment to those we are called to serve.

You may ask, "Why?" First and foremost we do it because our organ and our sanctuary are essential elements of worship at Market Square Church. They are two of the several "pillars" of the church that, together, make us an anchor of the downtown community. Each pillar is critical to maintaining the stability of the whole, and it happens that these two elements are past due for restoration and renewal.

Worship itself is a mission, and it stands at the very center of this church's broad array of services to God's people - to the hungry and the homeless; to the sick and the poor in spirit; to those who laugh by day and weep at night; to those who grieve and require comfort; to those who are blessed in all ways and whose only need is to nurture within themselves a loving and generous heart.

Investments in our musical program and worship space have been made repeatedly and with joy since this church was founded in 1794. Now, after 225 years, it is our turn to maintain and improve the sanctuary and music that helped sustain and inspire our forebears to live lives of generosity, gratitude, and service to others.

In isolation, an organ and a refreshed, pleasing space might seem like an indulgence. But we are inspired by our surroundings - what we see, what we touch, what we hear - to convey our gratitude to God, to receive God's spiritual blessings, to hear the call to service in God's name. Our surroundings create a receptive place in our hearts and our heads; they amplify the spoken word that serves as another of the essential pillars of Market Square.

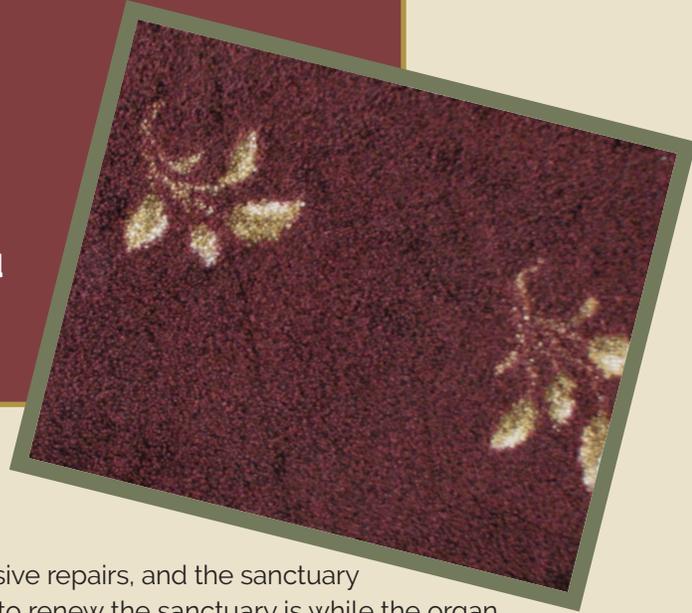
We hope you will rejoice with us in this project. Together, we can demonstrate the ongoing vitality of Market Square Church. We can show that our congregation is looking forward in confidence to a future of worship, ministry, and service in Christ's name, as *A Beacon of Hope on the Square*.

Gwen and David Lehman, Co-Chairs

John Dame, Kari Hultman, Sheldon Jones, Peggy McConnell, Alice Anne Schwab

What exactly is the church doing?

- Repairing and renovating the organ and its chambers
- Restoring the choir loft and its railing to something closer to its historical appearance
- Painting the sanctuary walls and ceilings
- Replacing the pews and pew cushions
- Replacing our worn carpeting with hardwood flooring and carpeted aisles



Why are we doing these things?

The simplest answer is that the organ is in desperate need of extensive repairs, and the sanctuary is in similar need of aesthetic refreshment. The most sensible time to renew the sanctuary is while the organ is out of the building. This makes sense from a financial and logistical standpoint.

That answer, however, begs a larger question about the importance of the organ and the sanctuary in the life and work of Market Square and its members. Why should we fix them up?

First, because we are Market Square, and the power and beauty of the organ and sanctuary are part of a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts. Our church is unique in the breadth and scope of its work and its appeal. Ask six members of the congregation to cite just one reason why they have chosen Market Square, and you are likely to get six different answers.

One may cite the preaching and the liturgy, what we call the "spoken word." Another likes our focus on mission work, while someone else cites our environmental activism. Someone else singles out the music program, while another likes our inclusivity, as expressed in our mission statement and as experienced in person on a Sunday morning. The sixth person might cite the serenity and beauty of the sanctuary, which are so conducive to reflection and a sense of appreciation and gratitude.

If you dig deeper, you'll find that for most of us at MSPC it is this combination of attributes that appeals - the diversity of people, the diversity of programs, the interplay between spirituality and action. Mission, preaching, music, acceptance of one another regardless of worldly condition, the worship space - **each is a pillar that supports the roof and walls that hold us together. We are Market Square, and this is who we are. Take one pillar away, and the structure doesn't stand.**



Second, because our music program and sanctuary also are “pillars” supporting our important role as an anchor to the downtown community in which we reside.

We are both a source of stability and a resource to this community. We respond to its needs and challenge our members to be involved. People in the community feel connected to us, through musical events, local mission projects, and our involvement with local officials. They know our door is open wide, and they are grateful.

Third, because all good things need to be cared for. We exist today because the members who preceded us embarked on similar campaigns, time and again. Now it is our turn to tend to these particular pillars of our continuing presence. By doing so, we demonstrate that ours is a congregation that takes good care of what has been entrusted to it, both the tangible and intangible.



How will the sanctuary be renewed and refreshed?

The walls and ceilings will be painted in two shades of white, as they are now. One will be pure white, while the other will be changed to a creamier tone to harmonize with the floor and carpeting. Carpeting in the main aisles and rear of the church will provide a garnet-toned echo to shades in the stained-glass windows. The pews will be of solid mahogany and will be custom-made to retain the general look and configuration of the original pews. They will be mitred, like the current ones, but will be spaced a little farther apart for comfort. The floors will be wood, like the sanctuary's original pine floor, but in this case will be quarter sawn oak. The loft rail will be restored to something like its historic appearance, but with openings that allow sound to pass through the rail to the nave.

What is the role of visual and aural beauty at Market Square?

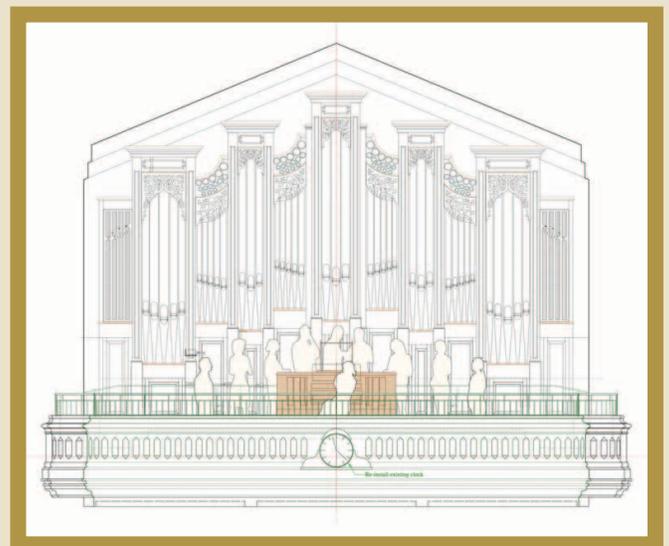
A famous composer of sacred choral music was asked once if he was a believer. "I am when I sing," he responded. Like him, for many of us at Market Square, music bridges the gap between the knowable and the unknowable, between doubt and faith, between the intellect and the heart. For others, music is prayer. Here at Market Square we embrace the idea that a blending of the spoken word and music - sung or played, personally performed or simply received - increases the power of each to comfort or inspire.

The organ itself is unlike any other instrument in its variability and power. It thunders like the God of the Old Testament and it whispers like the Holy Spirit to a grieving widow. It lifts us out of ourselves; it reminds us that there is something greater than our individual lives.

The sanctuary itself does much the same thing. Its beauty - a combination of light, harmony of colors, architecture, stained glass, decorative detail - supplants the distractions we bring with us when we walk in the door and replaces them with gratitude.

What are the organ renovations?

Briefly, the old worn console will be replaced with a new, technologically current one. The electronic system that connects the console to the almost 5,000 organ pipes will be replaced, as will the 75 year-old blower. The organ pipes, which are arranged in various ranks and produce a wide variety of sound qualities, will be revoiced for improved and uniform tonal qualities and more durable tuning. The organ chests, on which the pipes sit and through which airflow to each pipe is controlled, will be renovated to provide long-term reliable performance. Some new ranks of pipes will be added to fill out the array of musical sounds that are available for worship support and music performance. Some ranks of pipes will be relocated to improve the utility and versatility of



the instrument. While the organ is out of the sanctuary, the organ chamber walls and ceiling will be improved to better reflect sound into the sanctuary, particularly in the lower registers. These renovations will equip the organ for many decades of future service to the congregation, and some of the improvements and benefits will last indefinitely.

How will we pay for all of this?

The total cost of the complete project is estimated at \$1.7 million. We expect to fund the project from three basic sources: funds on hand from specific bequests and estates, funds to be drawn from the church investment account (our "endowment"), and the balance from the generous support of the congregation through a capital campaign. Here's the breakdown:

Funds on hand from bequests and estates:	\$300,000
Funds to be drawn from our investment account:	\$500,000 ^(a)
Funds to be raised in the capital campaign:	\$900,000

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When will we pay?

The Board of Trustees and Session have approved a 5-year period for members to fulfill their **Restore, Renew, Rejoice!** pledges. Payments may be made all at once, or staged over up to five years at intervals that suit the individual's circumstances.

That said, the sooner pledges have been paid in full, the less impact that the campaign will have on the church's endowment fund, which will be used to pay the organ and sanctuary renovation expenses as they come due.

When are pledge cards due?

Pledges and contributions are welcome at any time, and the campaign will remain open until the funds are raised. However, for planning purposes of the Board of Trustees, we hope that as many pledge cards as possible will be returned by April 30, 2020. Pledges also can be made electronically, through the church web site: www.marketsquarechurch.org/online-giving.

^(a) If the capital campaign is over-subscribed, we will be able to draw less from the endowment fund.

Please cut out the form below, make your pledge to the **Restore, Renew, Rejoice!** capital campaign, and return the form to the church office.



Please return your pledge card to the church office by April 30, 2020.



It is my/our intention to provide financial support for the **Restore, Renew, Rejoice!** Capital Campaign as follows:

\$ _____ per year over a period of (up to 5) _____ years = \$ _____ total.

Other _____

My/our gift is in honor of _____

My/our gift is in memory of _____

Name(s) _____

Signed _____

To submit your **Restore, Renew, Rejoice!** Capital Campaign pledge electronically, please go to www.marketsquarechurch.org, click "Online Giving," and follow the instructions.

(This commitment is subject to revision as my/our resources increase or decrease)

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KEEP THIS FOR YOUR RECORDS



From the archives: an early photo of the Market Square sanctuary prior to the installation of the rose windows and current carpeting. Wood flooring is shown with carpet runners lining the aisles.



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