



## **Christ Memorial**

Presbyterian Church 10600 Shaker Dr., Columbia, MD 21046

## Faithfulness Received, Faithfulness Returned

In 2015, we embarked on our first capital campaign to support much needed renovations and expansion of our church. Since then, God's response to our faithfulness has been great! God has blessed us with two extraordinarily successful capital campaigns. Because of this, our church has been transformed into a fresh, and beautiful base for expanded ministry. Some of the improvements:

- The new entrance and staircase make a welcoming and grand entrance to the church.
- There is now a lobby upstairs.
- The nursery is now located outside the sanctuary making it accessible to our families.
- The parking lots have been expanded and provide additional disability parking.
- The failing HVAC has been replaced.
- Asbestos has been removed from the entire building.
- Fellowship Hall has been expanded and renovated.
- There is now a beautiful, and much needed, large commercial kitchen.
- The new Trinity room is now available and increases our ability to host classes, meetings, and fellowship gatherings.
- All the restrooms have been renovated and additional restrooms have been added.
- ❖ A new roof has been installed over the sanctuary.
- The IT, video, and sound systems have been upgraded.













## **Our Current Challenge**

This fall we will engage in our third and final campaign aimed at reducing the debt we have taken on to compete the bold vision of our Ministry Expansion Project. What stands before us is another great challenge, but we will rise to this challenge as we join together in faithful response to the call of Christ in our midst.

The good news is that because of our two extraordinary previous campaigns we are in a position to reduce our debt service to the 15%-of-operating budget threshold in three years if we have an exceptional \$1Million final campaign. Because we still have enough money from our 2nd campaign to cover our mortage payments for three years, every penny that is given to our final campaign will go directly and immediately to principal reduction.

If we were to raise \$1 Million in this campaign we could reduce our mortgage to the point that our annual debt service would be 15% of our annual budget, which we believe we can comfortably absorb.

Further, every additional \$100,000 that we might raise above \$1Million would cut our debt service by \$8,000 and it would save us over \$41,000 in interest costs over the cost of the 20 year mortgage.

This estimate is based on the assumption of the sale of some or all of the adjacent property. BUT if we duplicate our extraordinary second campaign with something approaching \$1.5 million in this campaign it could be unnecessary to sell any of the property.



## **Our Commitment**

Many times since we have undertaken this great commitment, it has seemed like the challenge was just too much. But now we see that there is great hope ahead. We ask every member of CMPC to do what we have all been asked to do in the last two campaigns: to pray, "Dear Lord, What would you do through me to accomplish your vision for our church? Help me discern a sacrifice for our campaign that is meaningful and joyful."

This is our opportunity to rise to the challenge put before us, to respond to God's faithfulness with our own, and to unite together as a family in the joy that awaits us!

Together, in our faithfulness, we can continue to fulfill the mission of this church!

