

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2024



COME AND **SEE** | AN OPEN INVITATION



Dear Friends and Members of RPPC,

In the opening chapter of John's Gospel (John 1: 35-46) we read about Jesus calling his first disciples by simply saying, "Come and see." This open and gracious invitation is repeated, almost like a mantra, often throughout John's Gospel. The offer to experience the grace of God firsthand through participation is central to John's idea of what it means to follow Christ.

We chose "Come and See: An Open Invitation" as our theme for our capital campaign, because we want to be clear that it is not our own invitation we are extending, but Christ's. Christ's invitation is always bigger than our own. We have reservations, fears, and blind spots. We must always strive to not only widen our welcome but expand our invitation as we seek to follow Christ in our own time and place.

The brochure you hold in your hands outlines an opportunity for us to participate in extending the invitation of Christ to all. The pages that follow tell us about plans to improve our entrances, increase access and flow in our chancel, enhance our outreach online, and more. It also reminds us that this will only be possible with our gifts and commitments. This is a chance for us to "Come and See" what God can do in and through us when we offer our gifts and ourselves in service to God's mission and ministry.

Our prayer for the campaign is "Open our eyes, Lord Jesus...Give us courage to... 'Come and See.'" I hope you will join us in this exciting endeavor. I thank you in advance for your prayers, participation and support. Together, let us respond to God's invitation and see what the Holy One has in store for us.

In faith, hope, and love,

Mark W. Hanna, Pastor

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the world around us.
Show us what we should see
but from which we hide our eyes.
Show us how people live in this world
and the reality of their days.
Give us courage to do what you ask and to

COME AND **SEE.**

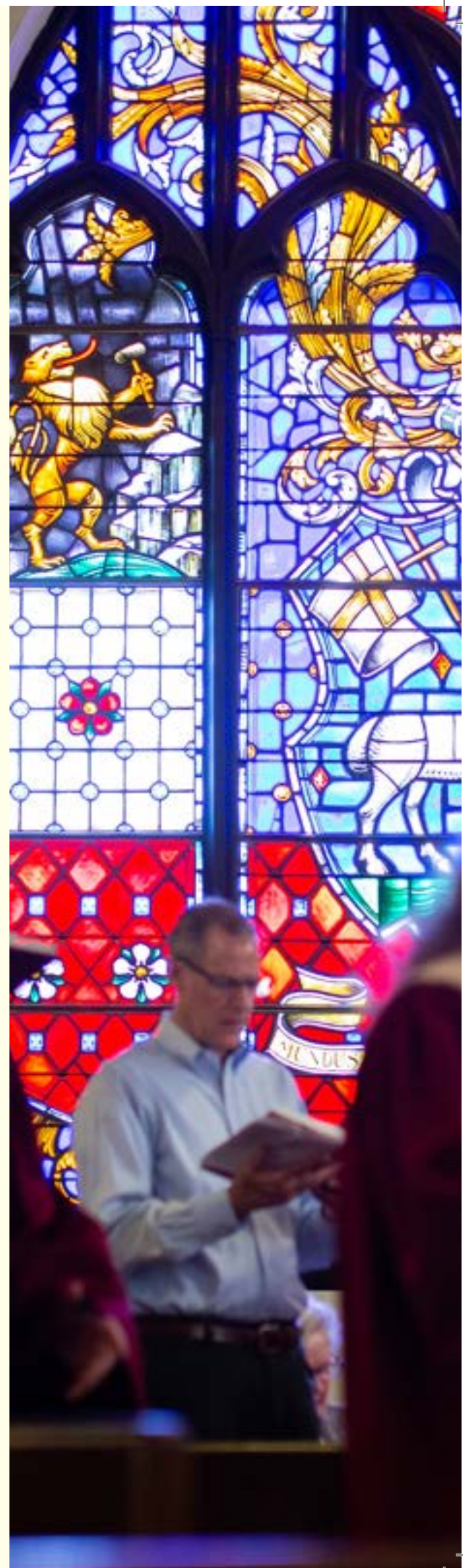
Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the shape of your Kingdom.
Show us what life could be like
if only we could see in wisdom.
Show us what we could do
to change things forever with you.
Give us courage to have a vision and to

COME AND **SEE.**

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus,
to the people all around us.
Show us what we should see,
but what we fail to notice.
Show us what people are saying to us
and what they long for.
Give us courage to be where you are and to

COME AND **SEE.**

Amen.



Our Vision



Pursuing JUSTICE

Practicing HOSPITALITY

Engaging CURIOUS FAITH



COME AND SEE

Our Project Goals

Our objective is to continue the legacy of faith and community impact at Roland Park Presbyterian Church through the “Come and See: An Open Invitation” capital campaign. With your support, we aim to enhance the accessibility, safety, and beauty of our beloved church, ensuring it remains a welcoming space for all who seek solace, fellowship, and spiritual growth. Drawing from the successes of our past endeavors, we embark on this new journey with enthusiasm and determination to create a space that reflects our values of inclusivity, hospitality, and service.

Welcoming Entrances for All

Building on the success of previous renovations, we recognize the importance of clear and accessible entry points. Our plan includes redesigning sidewalks and enhancing exterior signage along Roland Avenue to create an inviting approach. The expansion and upgrade of the staircase leading to the tower entrance, the creation of a 10-foot landing outside the tower entrance, along with the installation of new exterior doors with windows, will ensure safety, accessibility, and improved visibility for all who enter our doors.

Sanctuary and Tower Improvements

The heart of our church, our sanctuary and tower entrance, are in need of revitalization. Our proposed renovations will focus on improving lighting, flow, and storage in the tower entrance. In the front of the sanctuary, the introduction of an ADA-compliant ramp leading to the chancel level and upgrades to the chancel design and furniture will ensure universal accessibility along with improved sightlines, flow, flexibility and an enhanced worship experience for all.

Audio-Visual Enhancements

We will establish a permanent station for audio-visual equipment, seamlessly blending with the sanctuary’s aesthetics. Additionally, we will use this opportunity to add an additional camera and adjust the microphones and audio equipment to align with the new chancel design. This will optimize the audio and viewing experience for both in-sanctuary and online audiences.

Building Together for Tomorrow

The completion of these transformative projects is a collective endeavor. With Horizons Stewardship having already collected insights into our congregation’s willingness and ability to support these endeavors, and with the Session’s unanimous vote to embark on this capital campaign, we are poised for action. As we move forward, the final project list will depend on the amount of money raised. Your continued support and participation are crucial. Come and see the vision unfold before your eyes and join us in shaping the next chapter of our journey.



Updates recently completed:

- Improvements to sanctuary lighting and controls
- Installation of projector, screen, and online streaming equipment
- Upgrading of sanctuary audio equipment



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the anticipated project cost?

Current plans estimate the project cost to be approximately \$750,000. The feasibility study indicates that we can expect to raise approximately \$700,000 from the congregation. Session has reserve funds it can choose to use to use for this project. Our goal now is to continually pray, "What does the Lord want to do through us individually and corporately?"

How will we pay for this?

We expect that our campaign will raise a majority of the total cost. To get started we will borrow from the church's endowment to initially fund the project, then pay the endowment back as pledges and gifts come in over the 3-year giving period. This will allow us to avoid interest and fees involved in acquiring a construction loan from an outside lender.

What happens at the conclusion of the campaign?

We will know the financial commitment for the next three years. This will give us the ability to adjust our plans and the scope of the project to ensure that we meet the budget and do not withdraw more from the endowment than we can repay.

How much should my gift be?

Each situation is different. We suggest that you turn to God for guidance and ask, "Lord, what do you want to do through me?", use the devotional guide for personal reflection, and consider your prayerful gift.

When are the commitment cards and payment due?

The campaign will take place from now until June, but will include a three-year giving period. We ask for your commitment cards by June 30th. Options include weekly, monthly, annually or a one-time gift. This is a personal decision and each household makes a selection which best suits its financial situation.

Can I give in ways other than cash?

Options and suggested non-cash donations will be provided with the commitment card literature.

How do I give?

You may visit the page of our website: www.RolandParkChurch.org/give to give electronically or for more information.



What Can You Do?

Continue to pray for the ministry of Roland Park Presbyterian Church. Pray for the capital campaign and its leaders and volunteers. Remember that this campaign is about more than dollars and cents. It is about fulfilling God's promise and vision through our church. Pray that you may hear God's voice as you reflect in prayer,

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how our campaign will positively impact
our congregation and community.

Come and See: An Open Invitation reinforces our commitment to pursue justice, practice hospitality and engage curious faith by ensuring all whom God calls can join at the Lord's table without barriers. These planned improvements will expand our ability to serve our congregation and the community.

Imagine the improved welcome of all those who approach and enter our sanctuary. Imagine enjoying worship experiences where everyone can see, hear and move freely from the front sidewalk to the very back of the chancel. Imagine us opening our invitation as Jesus taught us.

How are you being called to COME AND SEE?





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The Schedule

April

- Capital Campaign Kick-Off

May

- Prayer
- Gatherings
- Worship

June/July

- Commitments
- First Fruits Offering
- Campaign results

Summer/Fall 2024

- Construction Document Finalization
- Contractor Bid/Permits
- Improvements begin

Professional Expertise

Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects

- Plan and design leadership

Horizons Stewardship

- Financial feasibility and stewardship leadership

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