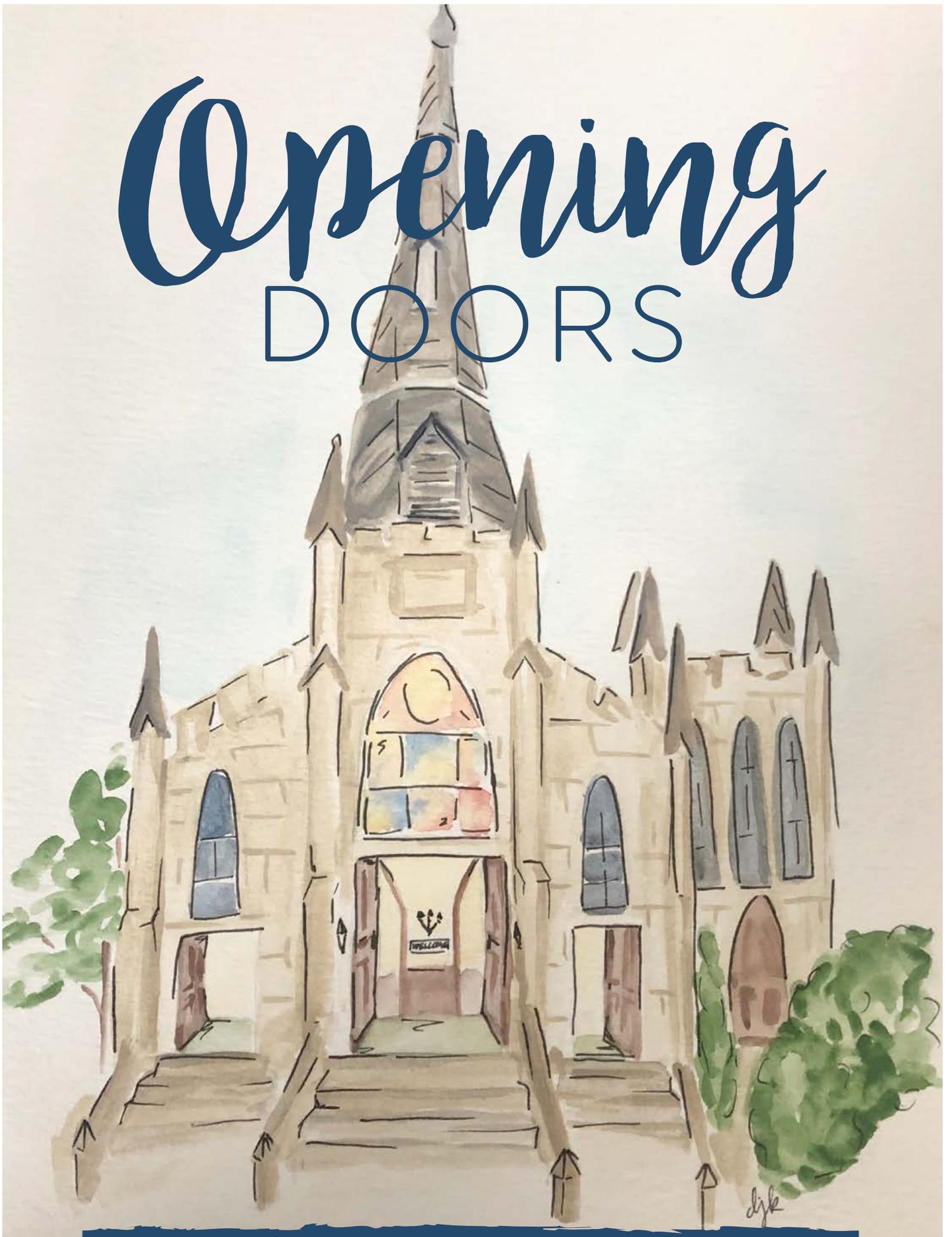


# Opening DOORS



"FOR *Christ* IN THE HEART OF CHARLOTTE"

# Highlights From 200 Years of Generous Gifts

● Organ ● Mission ● Building

- 1815** ..... Property bound by Trade, Church, Sixth and Poplar set aside for a church and cemetery by Town Commissioners
- 1818** ..... Church building opened for all denominations
- 1821** ..... Concord Presbytery officially charters First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte (FPC), marking our birth as a congregation
- 1841** ..... John Irwin transferred property bound by Trade, Church, Fifth and Poplar (he purchased from town in 1835) to the Presbyterian Church. The Settlers Cemetery was not included
- 1857** ..... New main building (Gothic Revival architecture, narthex and foundation steeple tower)
- 1865** ..... First organ purchased in Charleston and hauled to Charlotte by mule freight
- 1876** ..... Manse constructed
- 1879** ..... Exterior and interior repairs included Sanctuary walls plastered and frescoed
- 1884** ..... New steeple
- 1888** ..... Alexander Youth Network, originally known as Children's Rescue Home, started by women from FPC, Second Presbyterian, and Graham Street Presbyterian churches
- 1889** ..... Electric lights
- 1895** ..... Sanctuary rebuilt from narthex to the choir loft. No structural improvements since this time.
- 1899** ..... New organ installed and used in worship August 6
- 1916** ..... Sunday School Building doubled in size (Burroughs Building)
- 1947** ..... Child Development Program began to serve working parents' children
- 1950** ..... Building program, part of old building remodeled into the Chapel
- 1952** ..... New building opened
- 1959** ..... Phase two building program
- 1960** ..... Manse demolished
- 1961** ..... Office- Educational Building opened
- 1961** ..... TV Ministry begins
- 1964** ..... A major mechanical and tonal organ rebuilding
- 1969** ..... Community School of Arts (currently known as Arts+) founded at FPC
- 1970** ..... Jones Memorial windows over entrances installed
- 1972** ..... First FPC sponsored children sent to Camp Grier

Many beautiful furnishings, stained glass windows, books, accessories, pictures, art work, and silver have also been generously donated.

- 1976** ..... New pulpit furniture and communion table dedicated replacing 1895 set
- 1980** ..... Needlepoint covers on pulpit chairs dedicated
- 1981** ..... Fellowship Hall renovated
- Mid-1980's** ..... FPC began making sandwiches for the Men's Shelter
- 1984** ..... Parking lot
- 1984** ..... FPC joined Loaves and Fishes pantry network
- 1985** ..... Significant organ maintenance — original wind chest replaced
- 1989** ..... A Child's Place founded as a transitional classroom for homeless children at FPC
- 1989** ..... FPC started serving meals to the homebound through Friendship Trays
- 1989-1990** ..... Hurricane Hugo hits Charlotte — required repairs to steeple, stained glass windows, exterior and interior walls of Sanctuary
- 1990** ..... FPC Weekday School opened
- 1994** ..... Urban Ministry Center opened doors — FPC founding partner
- 1994-1995** ..... Church Street Building, Columbarium constructed
- 1995** ..... Lakewood Partnership formed
- 1996** ..... Room in the Inn hosting began
- 1998** ..... Sanctuary renovations- new carpet, restored chandeliers (discovered they were silver not copper)
- 1999** ..... The Organ console controls updated (except for keyboards), 15 digital stops were added
- 1999** ..... Poplar Building constructed
- 2000** ..... Relationship with Westerly Hills Academy formed
- 2000** ..... New Fellowship Hall, Session Room added, Church Offices moved
- 2001** ..... Ben Long "Good Samaritan" Fresco
- 2006** ..... Summer School for at-risk children began
- 2011** ..... Alternative Gift Market established providing outreach ministry support through Christmas donations honoring family and friends
- 2017** ..... Partnership Ministry Teams started with First United Presbyterian Church
- 2009-2019** ..... Expanded global and local missions (Cuba, Baynais Haiti, Russia) and Gulf Coast and other stateside relief support

# Opening Doors Summary *and* Financials

## RENOVATE, ENHANCE & MAINTAIN OUR HOME FOR WORSHIP

- Expand Chancel and make the Sanctuary and Choir Loft handicap accessible
- Remove carpet, repair and refinish wood floors, install carpet runners
- Restore and replace pews as needed
- Update lighting
- Install a new all pipe organ
- Renovate the existing library space to serve as a hub of hospitality and welcome
- Support immediate and near/mid-term maintenance items
- Include repairs to roofing, HVAC/mechanical, exterior, carpets, and stained glass
- Install new signage (including digital signage) to promote hospitality and cultivate community

## EXPAND OUR LOCAL MISSION OUTREACH

### FOR CHILDREN:

- Upfit existing ground floor rooms to allow increased Child Development Center enrollment
- Establish a permanent financial aid funding endowment to provide tuition assistance to families who otherwise could not afford to attend

### FOR ALL:

- Partner with Presbyterian Psychological Services to establish an uptown counseling center

## SUPPORT OUR GLOBAL MISSION NEIGHBORS

- Continue financial support of our global partners, Cuba, Mexico, Russia and Haiti.

### CUBA ASSIST SEMINARIO EVANGELICO DE TEOLOGIA:

- Establish a permanent and safe space for regular classes, seminars and symposiums
- Provide accommodations for students, professors and others, which can become an income source for the seminary

### MEXICO- FRIENDS OF ACCION, INC.

- Assist in building a college program for women to attend university while living in a supportive Christian environment

### RUSSIA- HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

### HAITI- OUTREACH FOR CHRIST IN BAYONNAIS

"I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it" *1 Corinthians 3*

## RENOVATE, ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH **\$10.4 MILLION**

\*Sanctuary renovations /Welcome center (\$7.3 Million)

\*New Organ (\$2 Million)

\*Infrastructure repairs (\$1.1 Million)

## EXPAND OUR LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH AND MISSION **\$2.8 MILLION ESTIMATED**

\*Outreach and Mission allocations will be 25% of campaign gifts received



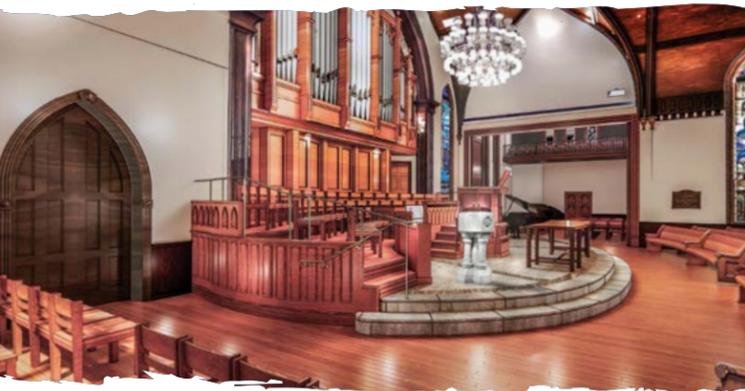
**THE FINANCIAL GOAL**  
of our "Opening Doors" Capital Campaign goal is to raise at least **\$11.1M** of the total **\$13.2M** project scope. If necessary, the Session has approved a modest amount of borrowing to complete the total project.



**THE SPIRITUAL GOAL**  
is to engage every member of the FPC community. It is our hope that we can not only raise the funds needed to resource this vision for ministry and outreach, but also grow our hearts, expand our reach, and love boldly, in the name of Christ.

# Renovate, Enhance *and* Maintain Our Home For Worship

Worship is the center and the wellspring of our Christian life together. We praise God, thank him for his grace, and then in response to that grace, love and serve one another through congregational care, outreach, and mission. Our place of worship—the Sanctuary—requires some updates and restorations for our long-term church health. We have a stewardship responsibility to care for the gracious gift past generation members gave us.



## SANCTUARY RENOVATIONS AND ENHANCEMENTS

- Expand Chancel (includes the Choir Loft) and make the Sanctuary and Choir Loft handicap accessible
- Remove carpet, repair and refinish wood floors and install carpet runners
- Restore pews and replace as required
- Update lighting to be more energy efficient
- Repair and replace HVAC/Mechanical



## WELCOME CENTER:

- Renovate the existing library space to serve as a hub of hospitality and welcome
- Open the doors to the Historic Lobby and allow for improved access
- Update the lighting to be more energy efficient
- Replace carpet
- Provide seating and tables

## INSTALL A NEW ALL PIPE ORGAN:

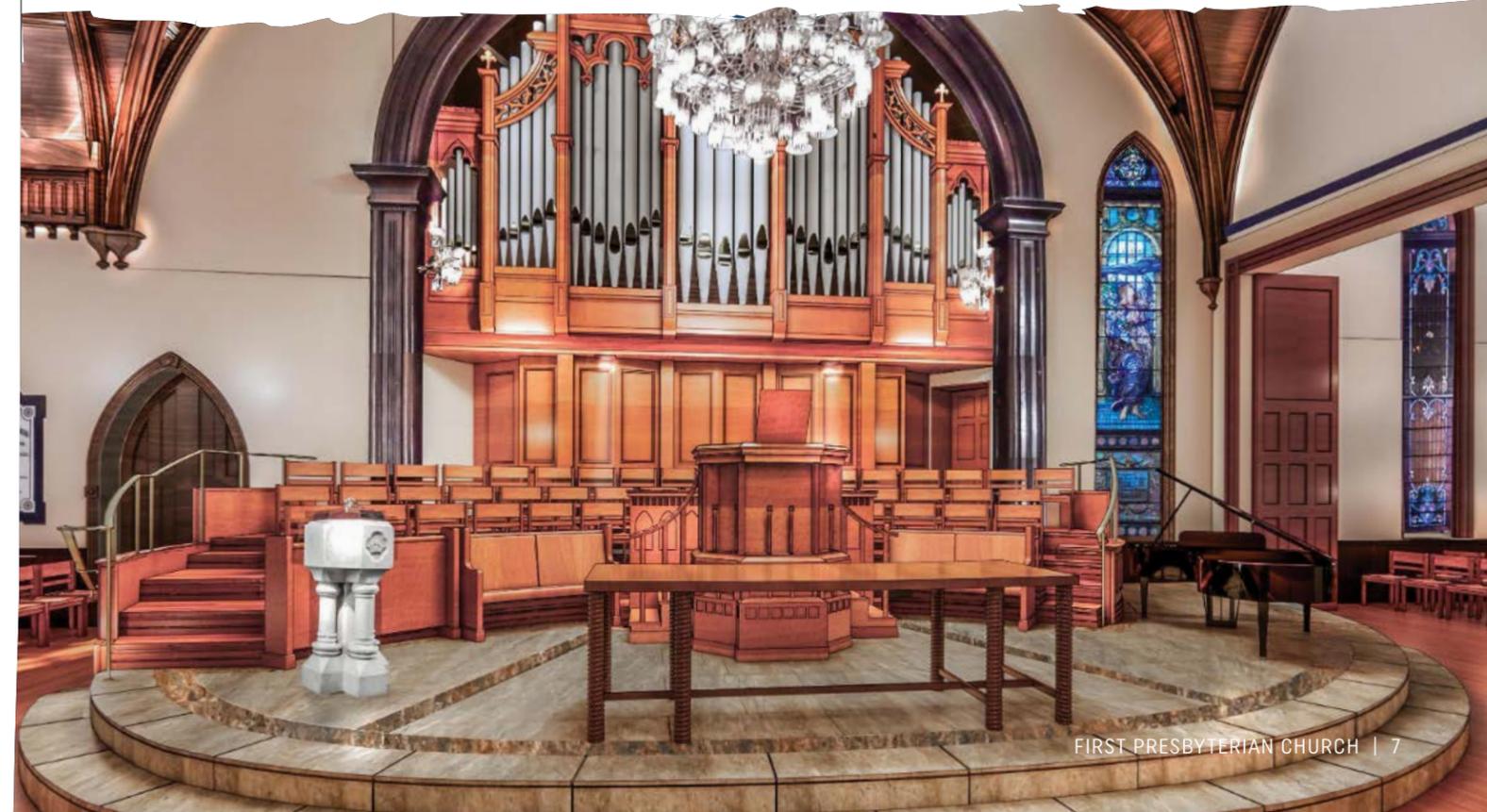
In the early days of the Reformed Church, where much of our Presbyterian heritage and style of worship took shape, congregational singing became an integral part of worship. An organ is the most effective instrument to lead congregational singing. The organ pipes are designed to imitate many instruments and are uniquely designed to support and blend with human voices.

- There have been three significant renovations to the First Presbyterian Church organ since its origin in 1899. (See history summary on page 2)
- FPC has provided great maintenance discipline, but normal wear and tear and fatigue now requires a major overhaul or replacement.
- Starting fresh is a more reasonable option given the organ's history and will provide more tonal cohesion and mechanical integrity.
- Replacing the organ now is our gift to future generations and will be less expensive while Sanctuary renovations are underway.
- The new instrument will provide another way to "open our doors" and invite the community into our church home.

A new all pipe organ will be built by Quimby Pipe Organs in Warrensburg, MO. [www.quimbypipeorgans.com](http://www.quimbypipeorgans.com). The firm was founded in 1970 by Michael Quimby, President and Tonal Director. The company has built and restored organs throughout the United States, including:

- Cathedral of Saint John the Divine (New York City),
- St. Paul's Cathedral (San Diego), and
- Fourth Presbyterian Church (Chicago).

Along with building new instruments and restorations, Quimby Pipe Organs maintains and tunes instruments in the Midwest and across the country.



# Expand Our *Local Mission* Outreach

## FOR CHILDREN:

Extensive research has been conducted on the local issue of intergenerational poverty and its negative impact on the children and youth of Charlotte. Findings indicate early childhood education is crucial to economic upward mobility; specifically, from ages birth to five years.

Based on First Presbyterian's unique history and location, our Service Committees feel that expanding the Child Development Center is needed. FPC will expand and diversify the Child Development Center (CDC) to address the challenge of working parents' ability to afford childcare in the uptown area of Charlotte.

## CDC IMPROVEMENTS:

- Establish a beloved and welcoming community by providing introductory and ongoing training for teachers, staff, school administration, parents, and board leadership
- Reconfigure existing space on the ground floor to add three additional classrooms to the Child Development Center (CDC)
- Modify CDC policies to ensure that approximately 25% of its total enrollment is reserved for families needing financial subsidy
- Create an endowment to provide financial assistance to CDC families

## HOT OFF THE PRESS:

Charlotte Opportunity Initiative Report 2020 (update from 2014 report): Mecklenburg County reaching a goal of 80 percent enrollment in Pre-K could represent \$65 million in increased lifetime earnings for every class of children.

## FOR ALL: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE CENTER CITY

Mental health providers are lacking in Uptown Charlotte due to high occupancy rate. The inability for uptown workers to seek care during lunch or after business hours is a huge barrier for addressing mental health. An Uptown Counseling Center is a great need for the uptown community we serve.

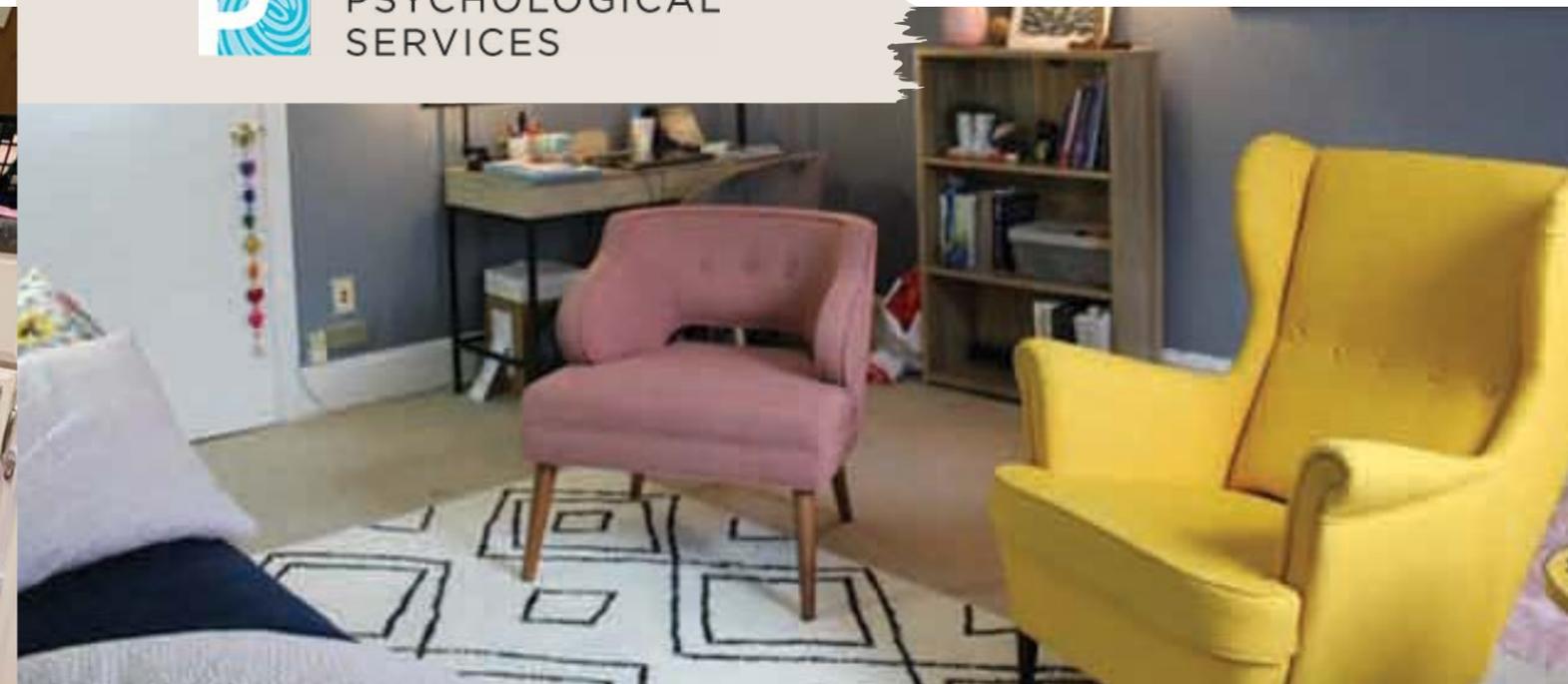
FPC will partner with Presbyterian Psychological Services (PPS) to fulfill this need. PPS was founded in 1973 and is "committed to making a difference, not a profit". With our assistance they will expand their services to the Uptown area. As an existing provider, PPS will

- Have access to mental health services contacts to attract qualified credentialed therapists
- Assist with office duties such as scheduling, billing, insurance, privacy regulations
- Guide FPC to avoid duplicating services
- Deliver services to those most needed populations
- Assist in finding a suitable Uptown location

We will provide space and "seed funding" to cover therapist salaries for the first three years, as well as a small stipend to PPS. After three years the contract with PPS should prove self-funding. The Counseling Center will provide care not only to FPC members but also to those who help others (ex: police, fire medic, Roof Above employees).



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# Support Our *Global Mission* Neighbors

OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS: HAITI | CUBA | RUSSIA | MEXICO

Throughout scripture, we are reminded that God calls us to continue God's mission by sharing the good news of the Gospel. At First Presbyterian, we have the honor of walking with partners in Mexico, Russia, Haiti and Cuba where their faith is deep and strong. However, many times our friends live in survival mode with many questions. Questions we take for granted like how will they educate the children? Or how will they provide healthcare for their babies? Or where will the elderly find their next meal? Or how do they do mission in their own context? Together we will try to address these situations as our relationships and faith grow stronger.

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