



SANCTUARY / AUDIO VISUAL

What was here before the renovation?

- Minimal changes were made to this sacred space.

What's new?

Sanctuary

- New **railings** were installed at the chancel stairs to aid access. These subtle, burnished bronze railings were sculpted to mirror other fixtures in the Sanctuary.
- The installation of our new, up-to-date **Fire Alarm System** throughout the entire building included several important additions in the Sanctuary. Strobes and speakers have been added, and smoke detectors were installed at the highest points in the ceiling. The addition of the fire alarm system was a requirement to bring our 50-year-old building up to DC Code.
- In early 2022, an Aeolian-Skinner **pipe organ** specialist was contracted to perform a thorough review of the condition of the organ, and to provide an assessment and a prioritized list of repairs. The cost to re-leather the organ and make other recommended repairs exceeded the capital project budget, so Session agreed to postpone major work on the organ until a full review of the state of the organ could be assessed. In April 2022, Session agreed to direct \$250,000 of the Capital Project budget to a designated Organ Renovation Fund for future work that would commence after a complete review of the recommendations and additional funds could be raised.

Audio/Visual

- Our IT system was completely overhauled, including IT infrastructure upgrades which not only benefit the church-wide computer network but also the audio-visual network as well. These enhancements allow for smoother and more robust broadcast capabilities for weekly services and events.
- The new campus-wide network fiber loop provides continuous connection for all campus buildings. (See **Summary 14**)

Interesting tidbits:

- The project included investigating an option to add a ramp to make the Chancel accessible. The investigation revealed that HVAC pipes are housed directly beneath the Chancel, making a ramp impossible.
- During Covid, the Facilities Council purchased an upgraded main audio console for the Sanctuary as well as back-up broadcast equipment and an additional camera.
- Due to an FCC mandate in 2020, the church replaced all wireless microphones throughout the campus. The new technology in the equipment resulted in improved audio quality in the Sanctuary.
- The Facilities Council removed one back, middle and front row pews on each side of the aisle to provide easier movement within the Sanctuary and to enable pastors to serve communion without congregants climbing steps to the Chancel.
- The Council also installed several video screens in the Sanctuary to assist in worship.

