The Spirit & Space Team

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Members of the Spirit and Space Team are interested in your thoughts and ideas. Please contact the Team Chair, Jerry Norton at (330) 705-2057.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

 Acts 1:8

"...and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

 Luke 2:33
What This is all About

As a community of faith, Christ Presbyterian Church has been faithfully serving Jesus Christ for almost 200 years. This congregation remains a strong draw to those who desire deeply meaningful worship. Worship remains at the core of who we are and what we do. Because of this, the teaching and fellowship ministries remain central. Imitating Jesus, our mission ministry responds to the needs of the least, the lost, and the alone in and around the downtown area.

Now we hear the Holy Spirit calling us to minister among, care spiritually for, and partner with businessmen/women, the community servant/activist, government officials/employees, and first-responders who do their work in and around Canton.

Today we are faced with two important questions. First, how do we best reshape our building for worship that deeply values congregational participation, liturgy, and the proclamation of the Word? Second, how might we reimagine our building as an inviting space that welcomes strangers and friends; a space accessible and available to everyone? We seek to make it a place fully equipped to invite the seeker and the sojourner, serve those in need, and partner with others in faith and ministry.

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

John 13:34

Our First Year +

In January of 2017 the Session charged the Spirit & Space Team to consider how this congregation, by improving the structural, visual, and practical design of our worship environment—including how people approach or depart from it—can continue to build up our reputation as a warm and welcoming community. This past year we have:

♦ Reviewed articles and case studies focused on worship and welcome.
♦ Created a special logo to help you identify Spirit & Space Team communications. The descending Dove represents the Team’s reliance upon the Holy Spirit.
♦ Held five gatherings seeking input from community leaders, residents, stake-holders, and church members and friends.
♦ Visited several churches that have entertained, and acted upon, similar hopes and visions.
♦ Presented to Session a proposal to build upon hands-on ministry in and around Canton, including ministries to the business community, government officials and employees, and first-responders.
♦ Presented to Session our conclusions regarding reimagined building and space needs that will enhance our worship, fellowship, spiritual development, and mission outreach.

What’s Now and Next

Currently the Spirit & Space Team is exploring various architectural firms that might be qualified to undertake a project that requires sensitivity to the history and purposes of a church such as CPC. We will be looking at firms familiar with Christian worship space and responsive to the value we place on congregational participation, music and liturgy, and the proclamation of the Word. Proven skills in designing accessible pathways is essential, as is the ability and willingness to respect the historic nature of our building and space.

The Spirit & Space Team is also at work planning for a capital campaign necessitated by additional mission outreach and building redesign.

Access to Updates

♦ Check monthly Tydings articles (monthly emails will provide notice and link to most recent Tydings).
♦ Check the Spirit & Space Team link on the CPC website homepage (soon to be established).
♦ Consult any member of the Spirit & Space Team.

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8