

Architectural Vision Statement

Grounding values for the project

Needs:

- Nurture the deep spiritual hunger of people in a reverent, God-centered and sacred space that reflects our Christian faith and where we worship and give glory to God.
- Flexibility and allowance for future development
- Creativity and innovation (through new technologies, etc.) in all aspects of design
- Barrier free
- Sustainable design—environmentally friendly; proactive; within reason and affordable, including low maintenance; Use local natural materials whenever possible to reflect our Spirit of Place, i.e. capture the Chinook winds and arc of clouds; open to Aboriginal culture; appreciation for creation, the natural, local flora and fauna [suggestions to consider: rundle stone, limestone, sandstone, fossils, river stone, cedar, aspen pine and spruce woods]
- Hospitable, welcoming, inviting, open

Summary: We desire a place that is reverent and allows for beautiful worship while also being highly flexible so that it can be used by a wide variety of groups and activities during the week and into the future. Our new space needs to be welcoming in all regards and built as sustainably as possible (within the constraints of the building's purpose and our financial ability) through creative and outside-the-box design that is inviting and captures the natural beauty of our geographical place.

“Worship” Space

We have a growing understanding that all the energy, wisdom, and nourishment we need spins from the lectern where word is broken open AND from the altar where we share bread broken and wine poured out as Christ’s body and blood. Therefore to sustain ourselves we desire the following:

Sanctuary Essentials:

- Altar Table - movable , (never in storage, always in Sanctuary), easy set up
- Variety of Groups able to use sanctuary
 - live music groups including youth
 - community groups and interests
- Natural light
 - windows important to see mountain view
 - explore artificial darkness when necessary
- Wired for Technology
 - Projection
 - Answer question: do we need books? **7R for this one as said books needed**; words for hymns on screens (one on each side) as if no music most people won’t sing
 - Amplification, allow for wireless, no cables all over the place
 - Sound Board
- Sacred Light
 - Votive candles during service
 - Sanctuary light and locked space for the reserved sacrament (aumbry)
- Lockable storage for sound and music equipment
- Symbols that are important to us
 - Visible evidence of water (**8W**), Fire (for example, portable small indoor/outdoor fire pit) (**14W & 8R**) and light

Seating:

- Not too large or overwhelming space; 400 max. seating
- 180-270 degree seating, curved layout, easily movable
- Comfortable, flexible seats
 - consider pew chairs with book storage included
 - no kneelers (**but 8W for kneelers**)
- Storage for seats
- Wiggle room for movement and kids

Music:

- Extremely important - Good acoustics in Sanctuary essential
- Integrate the musicians into the sacred space (within the 270)
 - All those present, including the presider, can easily see (and for presider, communicate with) the musicians

- Consider a ‘band shell’ for projection
- Grand piano and floor to support it

Font:

- Materials
 - Natural stone – possibly river stone
 - nature-like setting; waterfall?
 - low maintenance
- Permanent font/water feature to incorporate both infants and adults
 - Maybe below grade adult font (30W)
 - Infant immersion font (15N & 2R),
 - Explore other churches use of immersion for feasibility

Chapel:

- A chapel were you can always to go pray; it is always sacred space
 - Outside door
 - Available during office hours or code system, though strong support for space to be available 24 hours per day
 - Available for healing prayers and programs
- Adjacent to sanctuary, but can be closed off from it
- Furnish with some of the items in storage
- Engage sense of smell (7W)

Decorative

- Seasonal banners—8W
- To allow for engaging multiple senses in worship
- Don’t obscure view, limited use of stained/etched glass
- Use local artists where possible

Summary: Our worship space will be highly flexible so that we can imagine and offer creative and meaningful liturgy and be used by a wide array of other groups and organizations. It will reflect our natural world (from light to materials used in furnishings/sacred objects) and create a sense of connection through seating, good acoustics, room to move, engagement of the senses, and the use of symbols. A permanent chapel, possibly open 24 hours a day, will be near this area so that it can be used during worship (i.e., healing prayers) and at other times.

Worship Support

Because a worshipping people have many needs for many ministers, we desire the following to support our worship:

Gathering Space:

- A welcoming gathering space that is open but not too vast or over-powering
- Adaptable for multipurpose use for meetings and social events
- Glass sliding doors between worship space and gathering space with door large enough to allow for the graceful entry of caskets, etc.
- A counter, kiosk and/or moveable welcome desk that can be used for catering, etc., NOT hotel-like

Nursery:

- Nursery space near the gathering place

Restrooms:

- Adequate restrooms including one large family restroom that can accommodate a motorized wheelchair and with a baby changing table.
- Twice as many women's stalls as men's.

Altar Guild/Sacristy

- Large enough to serve as both altar guild room and sacristy
- Large deep sink for flowers
- Locked storage for silver vessels
- Storage for hanging banners, altar linens, other items used in worship including for Holy Days, and clergy/liturgical assistant vestments
- Ironing board and iron

Music

- Music Group room (and office?) with storage sufficient for instruments, music stands, chair covers, music, and other items used. (What needs to be stored in worship space rather than here as music storage mentioned there as well?)

Bells/Carillon:--This was the last priority based on community conversations of March 11th. Along with the extra costs and permitting requirements, it is the recommendation of the Advisors Group that this not be part of our first phase of construction. We may want to revisit this in phase two expansion.

Summary: We desire supporting spaces, including a welcoming and multi-use gathering space, adequate bathrooms to accommodate our own use and that of other groups/concerts/etc., a nursery, and an altar guild/sacristy and music room with sufficient storage and work space to facilitate the work of these ministries.

Spaces for Administration, Events, Education, Etc.

Because we have needs beyond that of worship to be a full functioning church community, we make the following requests:

Office

- Have visible reception close to entrance
- Additional office space for 1-2 groups- non-profit, community service
- For St. Martin's - need 5-6 offices including 2 private clergy, main office (parish administrator), youth ministry, community outreach and development coordinator (max 5-6)
- Music office and/or work area? Needs to be part of small group conversation around all music storage and work space needs and how many separate locations required.

Administration space

- Shared work room with storage and counters
- Extra space for treasurer

Social gathering place(s)

- Multipurpose room for lounge/meeting room/library; wish to generate rental income
- Flexible seating
- Phase one: use gathering place as primary social gathering place; flexible enough to allow for activity, i.e., senior badminton, etc.
- Phase two: additional Social space (hall)/Gym or Other space as/if needed based on our ministry and community needs at that time.

Kitchen

- Large, full commercial kitchen, dishwasher, stove, caterer friendly (like Knox); wish to generate rental income
- Kitchen adjacent to gathering place in first phase

Café/Coffee Bar—based on March 11th community conversation there is strong support for this idea (most number of green dots on preference count); however, there is still quite a lot of work to do to clarify, refine and understand scope of this possibility.

- Part of our culture

Sunday School/Education Rooms, youth room, (programming room for families, children, singles included)

- Three school rooms now plus youth room
- Wish to generate rental income
- Sports delivered inexpensively
- Soundproof
- Storage

- Access to washrooms/sinks
- Be attentive to all the electrical stuff—above standard if possible; wireless throughout
- Have careful attention to the flow of people within the building; traffic patterns, code access

Chair and table storage

Shower

- Attached to unisex/family washroom
- Two tables said two showers (large communities only have one)

Janitorial space

Washer/dryer; use for homeless stay in building, too.

Explore how to have an indoor garden given our snow—in the community conversation of March 11, this was 2/3 priority.

Summary: In our desire to be responsive and available to both our own parish community and the larger community, we will create office, common meeting and educational spaces that are flexible in use. Since we hope to offer our space for free AND generate income we desire classroom space and a general room that can be used by many, a commercial kitchen, and 1-2 additional offices for rent/lease by outside persons or groups (such as a social worker, etc.). To support this vision, we hope for a shared work-room and plenty of storage and attention to the technical details such as wireless, electricity, and so forth.

The Grounds

The land that surrounds our building is important and needs to be master planned well. Therefore we make the following requests:

Labyrinth prayer space—**28W, 1R**

Memorial garden/columbarium—based on the community conversation of March 11th, this is 2/3 priority.

- **Memorial garden below outdoor columbarium**

Exterior Landscaping

- Low maintenance
- Well planned
- Place for a Community garden
- Benches, with seating area for coffee
- With a small playground visible from the interior

Exterior prayer space—**15W**

- With labyrinth
- Some shelter
- Outdoor service space
- Fabric prayer flags—**15W, 1R**

Summary Statement for Exterior Landscaping: The Exterior landscaping needs to be low maintenance, well planned, with space for prayer, play, shelter and relaxation.

The inclusion of a memorial garden is requested, but need more research and consensus on memorial garden and/or columbarium.

Four concepts confirmed by the community on March 11th, 2012

Concept One: MOVEABLE ALTAR

In order to give us the highest degree possible of flexibility in creating liturgy and using the space in multiple ways, our new main worship space will have a moveable altar.

Concept Two: PERMANENT BAPTISMAL FONT

Our baptismal font will be a permanent fixture in the worship space.

Concept Three: MUSIC – NO PIPE ORGAN

Our new space will be built with high-quality acoustics to accommodate a wide range of musical styles, instruments, and vocal options and will not include a pipe organ.

Concept Four: PHASE 1 & PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT

Phase 1 of our building project - Sanctuary, Gathering space and some Offices. The gathering space will serve as the primary area for social activities (such as dinners, etc.)

Phase 2 - additional Social space (hall)/Gym or Other space as/if needed based on our ministry and community needs at that time.

Four ideas for further community conversation and development

Results of preference vote for the four ideas that require further discussion, research, and community refining (highlighted in red in the document above):

- Café/coffee bar: Green dots—39; yellow dots—13; blue dots—8; red dots—4.
- Indoor garden area: Green dots—5; yellow dots—24; blue dots—21; red dots—14.
- Memorial garden and/or columbarium: Green dots—17; yellow dots—21; blue dots—18; red dots—7.
- Bells: Green dots—2; yellow dots—6; blue dots—17; red dots—39.

Legend: Green dots= 1st preference
Yellow dots=2nd preference
Blue dots=3rd preference
Red dots= 4th preference

The 8:30 service ranked the options as follows: 1st preference—café/coffee bar; 2nd preference—columbarium; 3rd preference—indoor garden; 4th preference—bells/carillon.

Youthlings requests for the new space

Joshua is their root metaphor; they are past Exodus.

Worship space/other space wants:

- Multipurpose for concerts
- Good acoustics
- Open concept roof – tall ceiling
- Incense
- Clear glass windows with a mountain view
- Border windows with stained glass
- Bell tower and bells/carillon
- Baptismal font
- Shower with on-demand water heater
- Gathered seating
- Multiple entrances to gathering space, but one entrance into the church

Design overall:

- Keep design “classy”
- Alternative energy/wind power/geothermal
- Sustainable/green
- Comfy pews
- Screens and projectors
- A garden
- Can we make the parking lot big enough and not confusing?
- Keep it clean – “We’ve been to really grubby dirty churches.”

Youthling Room Requests:

- Soundproof room
- Teepee
- Lots of big couches/bean bag chairs
- Room enough to play
- Access to a larger room from there like a quad for larger activities
- Access to kitchen
- A sink
- A fountain thing/express bar like at Kings—**this could fold into our other café/coffee bar idea easily**
- Chalk wall for prayer requests
- Projector and screen
- Enough duplex for all their electronics/OX cables
- No carpet
- Place for “mottos”

- Variable lighting
- Darkening shades on windows
- Portable section stage