Phase 3: Sanctuary Renovations

What Will Be Done?
This phase involves the repairs to the sanctuary that will be undertaken once the water damage is stopped and the organ has been removed from the building. This includes the replacement of deteriorating floor boards, repairs to the pews and kneelers, restoration of the stained glass windows, stone cleaning and lighting improvements. This work will commence in 2018.

Why Is It Needed?
Damage from water intrusion and deterioration over 100 years of use has created problems within the sanctuary. The wooden floors are losing resilience and becoming unstable. These will be replaced. This will also be a good time for pews and kneelers to be repaired or replaced as needed. A 2017 report showed that there is a serious need to repair several of the stained glass windows, which have bowed and cracked over time. Scaffolding will be needed to allow access to the windows. Interior stone cleaning may also be performed at this time. Finally, this will be an opportune time to complete improvements in the church lighting. These repairs and renovations will significantly enhance the beauty of our magnificent worship space for generations to come.

How Can You Help?
If you would like to help, you can make a contribution to the building fund at any time. If you have any questions, please contact John Ford at jbford@odu.edu, or any of the other members of the Steering Committee (Ray Gindroz, Kevin Kwan, Win Lewis, Mollie McCune, Bryant McGann, Grant Stokes, Priscilla Trinder-Roady, or Sigur Whitaker).