



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Rev. Tom Harris | Pastor

Request for Proposals

[Govans Presbyterian Church](#) - Art for Sanctuary

Deadline for Proposals: March 11, 2024

Budget & Timeline: We have a total budget of \$5,000. We will select the artist by April 6, 2024 and would like the project delivered no later than the end of July 2024.

Contact Information: *Patreena Parsons, govansart@gmail.com*

Project: Commission a Black Baltimore artist to create and display two pieces of art in our sanctuary to provide racially diverse images in our worship space that is currently Eurocentric.

Objectives:

- Create images of people of color in our worship space to communicate that all are welcome and children of God.
- Have something visual for people to meditate on during church services, offering a narrative, story, or way of being that is different from the Eurocentric imagery currently in the church.
- Challenge members to a more expansive view of God and people.
- Bring a contemporary element into the sanctuary.
- Incorporate artwork that is reflective of worship or community.

The two pieces will be hung at the front of the sanctuary on either side of an existing stained glass window. The artwork can be in any 2D medium (abstract, mixed media, fabric, banners, paintings, digital) and must be able to be hung on the walls. The works would ideally work together as a diptych - see the geometry shown in the attached diagram. 2D media may include low relief.

Budget & Timeline:

We have a total budget of \$5,000. We will select the artist by **March 25** and would like the project delivered no later than the end of June.

"Govans Presbyterian Church is a theologically progressive community empowering people to make the world better."

Proposals Should Include:

- Initial sketch of the design or photo if already created
- Material to be used with description of colors
- Suggested placement on the wall
- Dimensions
- Information about the artist including background
- Artist website or images of other work

Selected Artist should be prepared to:

- Attend a Racial Justice Committee meeting to hear more about our vision for this work.
- Attend a Sunday worship service, and hold a listening session for the congregation following the service.

Please see pictures of the sanctuary below. Please contact Andy Wilson, Office Manager, wilson@govanspres.org, if you'd like to see the sanctuary in person.

More about [Govans Presbyterian Church](#)

Govans Presbyterian is an urban church passionately serving diverse communities that have a history of racial and economic segregation. We are committed to do better reaching and serving all our surrounding communities. We are committed to racial and ethnic diversity, LGBTQ inclusion, and social justice. As a congregation, we strive to be an anti-racist church, practicing the love of Jesus in a relational ministry, and fighting for equality and equal opportunity for all people. We have established Racial Justice as a dedicated ministry of the church and a Committee of Session. Our Racial Justice Committee is composed of church members and members from surrounding communities. In January 2021, we hired a Minister of Racial Justice and Multicultural Engagement.

We are an LGBTQ+ affirming church welcoming all people into the life and leadership of the church regardless of sexual orientation or identity.

We are an Earth Care Congregation seeking the healing and restoration of God's Creation with an active community garden and orchard, labyrinth populated by native flowers, a bioretention system, and solar panels.

Additional Context and Photos

The artwork will be in on both sides of the existing Eurocentric window. See Attached flier for history of this window, *Christ the Consoler Stained-Glass Window—An Invitation to Discern How to Contextualize an Historic Artifact*

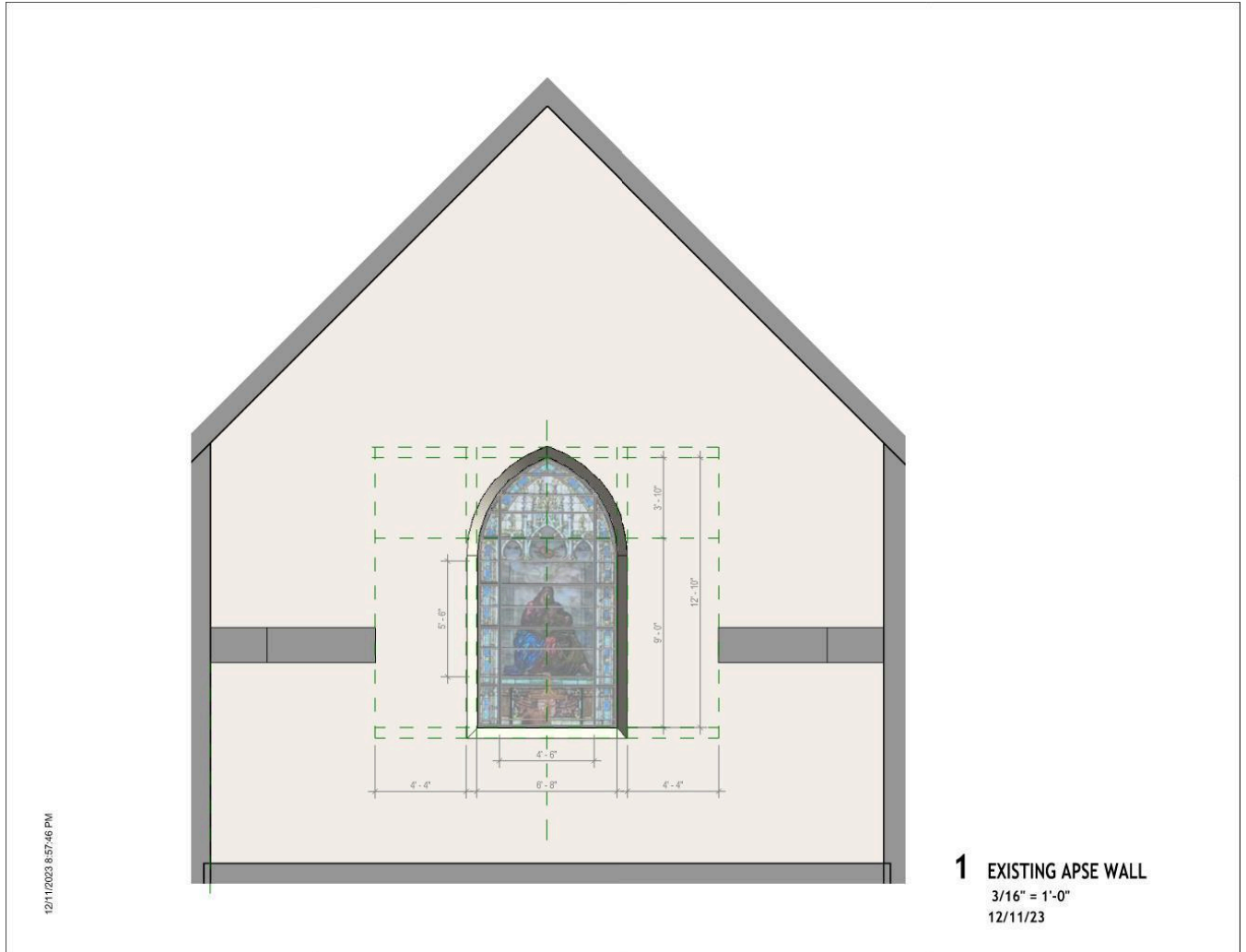
Art work will be placed in this space:



View from rear of Sanctuary

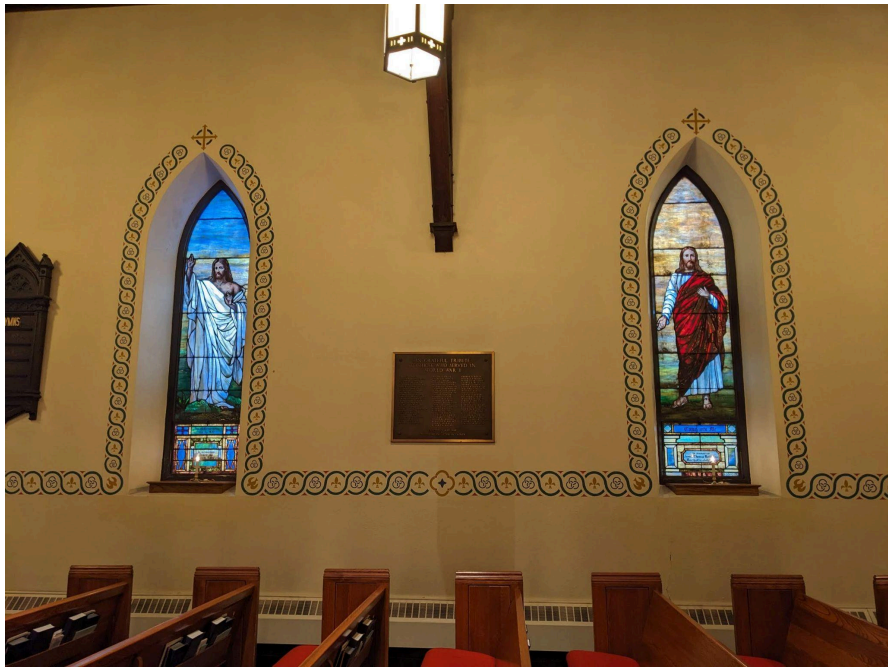


(Please see attached larger PDF *Dimensions of Existing Govans Apse Wall.pdf*)

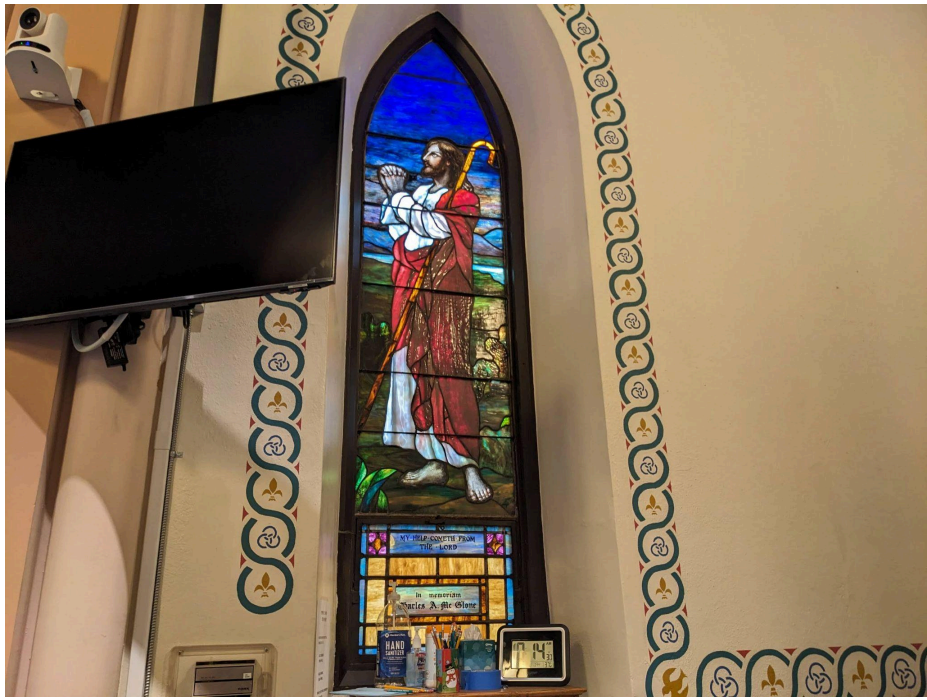


Side walls of church for reference and context.

North side wall - four stained glass windows with commemorative plaques between



Alcove:



South side wall (entry

side)





North Transept Window



South transept window:



Window at Rear of Sanctuary

