



Embrace the Bustle

Frequently Asked Questions

Transforming space
for the next generation.



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General Project Questions

Why are we remodeling a portion of the lower level?

We are remodeling the lower level to create a refreshed, safe, and welcoming environment for our children and students. This project is an important investment in the next generation and reflects our commitment to stewarding our space for ministry now and into the future.

When will the remodel take place?

Construction will take place primarily during **January**, with work happening from the **ceilings to the floors**, including new lighting, painting, and other updates. Our plan is to be done by the end of January.

What areas will be affected?

Most of the lower-level elementary classrooms and hallways will be impacted at various points during construction. You may notice temporary closures, rerouted hallways, and changing classroom locations as the work progresses.

Sunday & Program Impact

Will Sunday worship services continue as usual?

Yes. Worship services will continue as scheduled. While the building may feel busier and louder at times, we invite everyone to **embrace the bustle** as a sign of life, growth, and ministry happening all around us.

Will children's and student programming continue?

Absolutely! Children's and student ministries will continue throughout the remodel. All CityKids and Velocity programming in the lower level has been relocated to the main level during the month of January. Clear signage and volunteers will help guide families each Sunday.

Where will my child check in?

Check-in locations may change during construction. Please follow posted signs for the new check-in location. Our team will be available to help make check-in smooth and welcoming.

What should we expect on Sundays?

You can expect increased activity and noise in the lobby and a lively main level as kids and students gather with the rest of the congregation. We encourage everyone to **embrace the bustle**—the sounds of children and movement in the building are signs of a church investing in its future.

Safety & Accessibility

How is safety being handled?

Safety is a top priority. Construction areas will be clearly marked and restricted, and all pathways used by families will remain safe and accessible. If you notice any concern, please let a staff member or volunteer know immediately.

Will the building still be accessible?

Yes. There will be one week that will be restricted from any use on the lower level. After the first week (December 29 – January 6), accessible entrances, restrooms, and pathways will remain available throughout the project. If you need assistance navigating the building, our team is happy to help.

Volunteer & Staff Considerations

How will this affect volunteers?

Volunteers may experience changes in room assignments or routines. We are deeply grateful for your flexibility and grace during this season. Your willingness to serve amid change is a vital part of what makes this work possible.

Financial & Stewardship Questions

How is this project being funded?

This remodel is supported through faithful giving and careful financial stewardship. The Board approved the use of these funds from a portion of our reserves set aside for the facility. It does not replace our ongoing ministry priorities but strengthens our ability to serve children, students, and families well.

Can I still give toward the general or facility fund?

Yes, absolutely! You can continue to give toward the **General Fund** or the **Facility Fund** at any time.

Your generosity helps support the ongoing ministry of City Church and the care and improvement of our building, both of which make a lasting impact on our community and the next generation. We have many other projects we would like to complete but are waiting for additional funding to come in.

Communication & Updates

How will we receive updates?

Regular updates will be shared. We encourage you to check our website with a dedicated page for this project. Updates will be made regularly there. Additionally, there will be information shared in the newsletter and Sunday announcements. We encourage you to check in often and stay connected as progress continues.

Who should I contact if I have a question not covered here?

You may contact Tamra Fatoye, City Church Director of Operations for any questions by email at tamra@citychurchmpls.org or by phone, 612.965.9009.

Culture and Community

How can we help during the remodel?

- Arrive a few extra minutes early
- Follow signage and volunteer guidance
- Extend grace to families, volunteers, and staff
- Welcome guests warmly—especially those navigating the changes for the first time

Most of all, **embrace the bustle** and celebrate what God is building in and through our community.

How can we pray during this season?

Please pray for:

- Safety for everyone in the building
- Patience and unity during disruption
- Joy as we invest in the next generation
- God's continued work in the lives of our children and students