

Frequently Asked Questions about plans for the new sanctuary windows:

Q: Why are we replacing the sanctuary windows?

A: The windows are leaking and some are cracked. This is unsightly and creates problems with heating and cooling the sanctuary.

Q: Will the new windows open?

A: No. Early in the Task Force meetings it was decided that the effects of environment and security over rode other considerations. Also, the effective palette for meaningful artwork was greatly enhanced with permanently closed windows.

Q: Are the windows being shown in model and art subject to suggestions and changes?

A: The Task Force accepted the responsibility for the complete project, including design, fabrication, removal and installation for new windows for the sanctuary building. The Task Force has selected IHS Studios to design and install the windows and we do not anticipate any changes from the presented design.

Q: What will happen to the old windows?

A: Because of the poor condition of the existing windows, it is expected that there will be significant breakage upon removal. However, the Task Force intends to preserve the opening components for some future purpose as part of the final contracting process.

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Q: How can someone contribute to defraying the cost of the windows?

A: First, the Task force is not conducting a contributions campaign. Only the Session can authorize a fund-raising campaign and has not done so. Our church has many needs beyond the windows. If someone has a desire to contribute, please contact Jeanne Chin to assure proper credit to the existing Windows Fund.

Q: How much will the windows ultimately cost?

A: Last year the Session authorized the Task Force to spend \$150,000 on sanctuary windows. That remains the budget and projected total cost.



The theme selected for the new sanctuary windows is the “I Am” verses found in the old and new testament. These verses tell how God shows himself to us.

- I am the Alpha and the Omega, (Revelation 1:8)
- I am the bread of life (John 6:35)
- I am the light of the world (John 8:12)
- I am the gate for the sheep (John 10:7)
- I am the gate (door) (John 10:9)
- I am the good shepherd (John 10:11)
- I am God’s Son (John 10:36)
- I am the resurrection and the life (John 11:25)
- I am the way the truth and the life (John 14:6)
- I am the true vine (John 15:1)
- I am a king (John 18:37)
- I am the God of your father (Exodus 3:5-6)

IHS Design Studios

The design, fabrication and installation of the new sanctuary windows will be done by **IHS Studios**, which is an **Ecclesiastical Arts Studio** that specializes in design, fabrication and installation of Art Glass Windows. IHS is also active in the restoration and conservation of stained glass. The artist and craftsmen of IHS Studios also work with stone, metal, wood and wall murals, often combining these mediums with stained glass designs.

Since 1981, Dennis Roberts has worked primarily with on-site specific ecclesiastical commissions. He works closely with the architect and church representatives interpreting the needs of the client. He uses a creative mix of traditional symbolism and contemporary design elements that harmonize with the architecture in which they exist. He often combines contrasting media within his designs, not only designing with the color of transmitted light, but also with reflected light and textures.

In the fall of 1982 Dennis organized IHS Studios to begin fabricating his own designs in house, in order to gain greater control of the finished product. In the past 20 years he has gathered several artists and craftsmen who together, under his supervision, have completed over 600 commissions.

Read more about IHS Studios at
www.ihsstudios.com.

IHS Mission Statement

IHS Studios is a Christ-centered organization dedicated to the achievement of God giving talents to his His glory and honor.

Our Mission is to design, fabricate and install works of art that enhance worship facilities and aid in prayer.

Our staff at IHS Studios approaches its artistic and craftsmen talents more as a ministry than a vocation. This message is communicated to all employees, not only in the subject and quality of the work we do, but also in how we conduct business in order to accomplish our projects.

Windows Task Force Plans

- Completion of Commissioning of artwork, including the remaining 11 "I am" theme windows, Narthex Windows, Organ Room and front of building windows. As they become available to the Task Force we will publish them on the bulletins, in the newsletter, on the FPCA website (www.firstprestexas.org) and in a special book for the congregation.
- When funds are available, we will negotiate and execute a fabrication and installation contract.
- Actual installation will probably occur within 6 months of completing the above contract.

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