

**For Immediate Release – February 20, 2018**

**Idlewild Presbyterian Church to kick-off construction project Sunday.**

Memphis, TN — Idlewild Presbyterian Church announces it will mark the commencement of its Jones Building renovation project with a dedication ceremony on Sunday, February 25 at noon along Evergreen Street. The community is invited to attend 11:00 worship and participate in the benediction and procession from the Sanctuary to the project site for the dedication.

This \$8.5 million construction project designed by brg3s includes improvements to the 1928 sanctuary building and complete renovation of the Jones Education Building. Named for Paul Tudor Jones who was the pastor from 1954 to 1975, this 74,000 square foot Education was built in 1960. The Jones Building is located north of the main sanctuary building, at Union Avenue and South Evergreen Street.

This project is targeted for completion in early 2019. It will include:

- improved access in the 1928 building
- a state-of-the art children's center and daycare
- expanded recreation facilities with a remodeled gym
- a new kitchen
- a new fellowship hall
- flexible meeting space
- updated classrooms

Idlewild Presbyterian Church was founded in 1890 and is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Blessed with a tradition of energetic and inquiring members, it has been in the forefront of worship, education, service, and social change in our community for more than five generations. Idlewild is stepping into the future with a diversity of 1400 members, dedicated to being a welcoming church and serving Midtown Memphis and beyond.

“Through the More Idlewild Jones Building project, Idlewild seeks to become a more welcoming, serving, celebrating faith community,” said the Rev. Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery, pastor. “Updated facilities will enable Idlewild to enhance community ministries, such as our More Than A Meal program that serves a hot dinner to 100+ each week and our vibrant recreation programs. As a congregation, we are building the future together – for Idlewild and for Memphis.”

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