

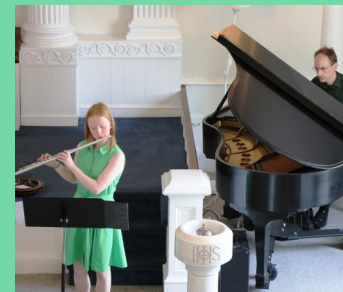


# Love Unbound, How Sweet the Sound!



## **A NEW SONG FOR THE NEXT CENTURY**

Capital Campaign 2026—2028 | First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown



*Encourage one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

*— Colossians 3:16*



## A New Song for the Next Century

For nearly three centuries, FPCY has opened its doors to our community – welcoming newcomers, feeding neighbors, and sharing God’s blessing with others (serving without condition?). As we approach our 300th anniversary in 2030, we are asking the same questions that have always defined us:

*How do we love our neighbors well – now and into the future?  
What legacy are we building for the century to come?*

*Love Unbound* is our next answer – a ministry with and for our neighbors that includes the restoration of our faithful 35-year old organ, the renewal of our shared spaces, and the launch of the Agapé Music Center.



### Why Now?

The 2023 Surgeon General’s report named social isolation a public health crisis. One in three American adults experiences loneliness every week. The “third places” where community once formed naturally, where you could simply show up and belong, where you could come together around shared values and work toward communal wellbeing – “third places” like libraries, civic organizations, clubs, local pubs, parks, etc. – are quietly disappearing as more people and families are split in different directions and digital spaces in our rapidly changing and disconnected world.

For people of faith, this is also a spiritual crisis, as our common life has become more anxious, fractured, and suspicious. *Love Unbound* is our faithful response and a natural extension of FPCY’s mission to welcome, serve, and connect in Christ’s name.

**This is our moment – a convergence where our capital needs and our missional calling meet.**

### Why Us?

FPCY has nearly 300 years of practice opening our doors and serving our neighbors. We have a beautiful sanctuary, a congregation of generous hearts, and a vibrant music ministry that has long been the soul of our worship life. *Love Unbound* invites us to build on what we already are and have, as we offer our neighbors a space to connect through creativity and grace, to find rhythm and relationship with others, and to experience God’s love in community.





## How Love Unbound Will Be Used

Funds raised through Love Unbound will resource three interconnected areas

### 1. Resource Worship – Restore Our Faithful Organ

Our **Austin pipe organ** has served this congregation for 35 years and is now in need of restoration. Restored to its full voice, it will anchor Sunday worship, fill the sanctuary during recitals and community concerts, and stand as a living symbol of our commitment to musical excellence – for generations to come. The organ will be removed in spring 2026, restored by the Austin Organ Company – the original builders – and returned renewed and enhanced with new pipes & more. We will mark its departure with a Bon Voyage celebration on April 12 and welcome it home with equal joy.



### 2. Resource Our Space – Welcome Our Community

**Love Unbound** will fund targeted improvements to FPCY’s gathering spaces – creating environments as warm and open as our ministry. Updated furnishings that recreate the gathering space as a welcome center and lounge; sanctuary lighting and sound; and a renewed playground will ensure that every person who walks through our doors feels: we made a place for you.

### 3. Resource Our Ministry – The Agapé Music Center

The **Agapé Music Center** is a new ministry of neighbor love – rooted in the same Agapé love at the heart of everything FPCY does. It is our answer to a community starving for connection: a welcoming space where people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs can come together through music.



Our doors will be open wide,  
Our message will be clear:

*You are welcome here – exactly as you are.  
We’ve made a place for you.*

#### POTENTIAL OFFERINGS INCLUDE:



- Music classes/groups for young children, seniors, special interest (drum circle, ukelele club, music history & theory, master classes, etc.)
- Rehearsal & performance space for local groups
- Sound healing, meditation, yoga
- Open mic nights, jam sessions, family movie nights
- Music lessons for all ages
- Music and theater camps for youth and adults
- Concert series and community events & partnerships

The **Agapé Music Center** will be staffed by a **part-time program coordinator** and **contracted teaching artists** – a light-footprint model that keeps overhead low and the ministry flexible while the programming grows and the center becomes **self-sustaining**. Scholarships and fee waivers will ensure no one is turned away for financial reasons. Over time, it is **designed to support itself** and its staffing (including facilities maintenance) through program fees, donations, and grants.

# The Investment

Love Unbound is a vision and a ministry initiative funded by a capital campaign with a congregational goal of \$500,000. Your pledge makes this vision and ministry possible. This campaign is a separate, dedicated commitment above and beyond regular, annual pledged giving, which is the lifeblood of our day-to-day ministry.



AREA OF INVESTMENT	ESTIMATED COST
Resource Worship — Organ Restoration	
Contract, contingency, moving & reinstallation	\$275,450
Resource Our Space — Gathering & Sanctuary	
Gathering areas, sanctuary tech upgrades, playground	\$162,475
Resource Our Ministry — Agapé Music Center	
3-year program launch: personnel & programming	\$181,400
Campaign Administration	\$21,500
<b>Total Project Investment</b>	<b>\$640,825</b>
<i>The campaign leadership team is actively pursuing additional funds and grants from other sources to make up the difference between the Congregational Goal and the Total Project Investment</i>	
<b>OUR CONGREGATIONAL GOAL</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

As you discern your generosity, please consider giving an initial gift **and** making a 3-year pledge to fund this visionary initiative. **Celebration/Commitment Sunday is April 19, 2026.**

## How You Can Participate

### PRAY

Pray for FPCY, for our neighbors, and for your own discernment. The campaign begins not with a gift, but with a question – Loving God, how are you calling me to help share your boundless love?

### ENGAGE

Look, listen, ask questions, join us for worship, show up and support our music ministry, volunteer to help with the Agape Music Center (hospitality, communications, planning and programming, etc.)

### GIVE

We are asking every household to prayerfully consider a gift above and beyond regular giving. Whether your commitment is \$50, \$5,000, or \$50,000, given all at once or pledged over 3 years, every gift is a commitment to support our vision, grow our ministry, and to love our neighbors well, now and into the future. Every gift matters. Every gift will be used faithfully.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD BY APRIL 19**

