

## **Stained Glass Window Restoration in the Hyde Park Sanctuary**

The Board of Trustees have had this project on their radar for some time. Because of the generosity of our congregation and with support from the Finance Committee, they have been building up Capital Reserves in order to facilitate this important work.

The Trustees selected [Conrad Pickel Studios](#) to conduct this restoration. They come highly-recommended, have been in business since 1947 and recently completed the restoration of the stained-glass windows at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tampa.

Work will be conducted in phases, prioritized by the condition of each window and with safety, conservation, and minimal disruption as top goals. The current phase will take place over the next two weeks onsite.

As most work will be completed onsite, we have provided the crew leader with a calendar of events, so work can be done around any major events in the Sanctuary.

At least one window will require a total frame replacement and removal. It will be site-documented, fully photographed, and the details of panel size, shape and surrounding setting materials will be measured and templated. Removals involve carefully disengaging the window from its frame, documenting conditions, and packing for transport to the conservation studio. Qualified glaziers and conservators will perform restoration work, following established preservation standards and chain-of-custody documentation along the way.

We are grateful we are able to start the process of preserving our beautiful stained-glass windows, so they may inspire future generations of worshipers. Periodic updates will be provided in future eNews articles.