



ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Living Triumphantly Through Christ — Romans 8:35–39

Sanctuary Roof Replacement Project | Frequently Asked Questions *Updated June 26, 2026*

This summer, Allen Temple is undertaking a significant and necessary facilities investment — the replacement of our Sanctuary roof. The following answers common questions about the project, temporary worship arrangements, and what to expect during the construction period.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Why is the Sanctuary roof being replaced?

The current roof is the original roof from the Sanctuary's initial construction in 1981. After decades of faithful service, it has reached the end of its life cycle. Replacing it now is a responsible act of stewardship — caring for the house where God has met us faithfully, so it is ready for generations to come.

Will anything else in the Sanctuary be improved during this time?

Yes - and we are excited to share this good news. Concurrent with the roof replacement, we will be enhancing our Sanctuary floors, pews, screens, and lighting. When we return on August 2, we will step into a Sanctuary that has not only been protected — it has been elevated.

What are the key project dates?

- **June 8 – 13:** Family Life Center Gym is prepared and set up for worship
- **June 14 – July 26:** All worship experiences held in the Family Life Center Gym (*active construction period*)
- **July 27 – August 1:** Move back to the Sanctuary; reset and prepare for worship
- **August 2:** Return to Sanctuary for Worship

Will the Sanctuary building be accessible during construction?

No. Effective June 10, no unauthorized persons will be permitted to enter the Sanctuary building. Please plan accordingly and do not attempt to access the building during the construction period.

WORSHIP DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

Where will worship be held during construction?

All worship experiences will be held in the Family Life Center Gym. The space will be fully set up for worship just as we experience it in the Sanctuary. Our Project Team is committed to ensuring the space is prepared with excellence so that the spirit of our worship remains uninterrupted.

Will service times change?

No. Worship service time remains unchanged. Sunday morning worship will continue at 9:30 AM.

Have we held worship in the Family Life Center Gym before?

Yes. We successfully held worship in the Family Life Center Gym during the Sanctuary Platform Remodel in 2012. We have done this before, and we will do it well again.

Is there anything special about the dress code this summer?

Consider this your invitation to relax. During the construction period, we will enjoy *Dress Down Summer* — members and guests are welcome to wear casual clothing that is respectful of a worship space. Come comfortable, come as you are, and come ready to praise.

Where will Sunday School Live be held?

Sunday School Live will be held in the Family Life Center Dance Studio (second floor).

Where will funerals and memorial services be held?

Out of an abundance of caution and care for grieving families and their guests, funeral and memorial services will be held at one of our partner churches or funeral home chapels that have graciously opened their spaces to us. ***While the location of services may temporarily change, our ministry of care, compassion, and support remains unchanged.*** Please know that this decision is solely related to construction and safety considerations. Our Bereavement Ministry and Congregational Care remain fully engaged in planning and supporting every bereaved member family in need. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Congregational Care Leaders - Reverend Jesse Land & Deacon Ronald Abernathy - or a member of our Bereavement Ministry at 510-544-8929.

MINISTRY EVENTS & SCHEDULING

Can ministries hold events in the Family Life Center Gym during this period?

Events requiring the gym are being kept to a minimum during the construction period. As is protocol, all ministry events must be approved by Cluster Leaders and scheduled through the Events Desk. We remain committed to accommodating all ministry events as facilities allow.

To schedule a ministry event, contact the Events Desk at events@allen-temple.org or (510) 544-3314.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

How can I stay updated on construction progress?

Construction updates will be shared through the weekly newsletter and the church website. We encourage all members to stay connected through these channels for the most current information.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

For general questions, please contact Sister Ambia McClendon, Campus Manager, at amclendon@allen-temple.org.

For Buildings and Grounds inquiries, contact buildingsandgrounds@allen-temple.org or call (510) 544-8910.

*We appreciate your patience, your faith, and your partnership as we care for this sacred space –
our Church home.
To God be the glory!*