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SAINT JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL
Warrenton, Virginia

Project Summary

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An Episcopal Church presence since 1816, Saint James' Episcopal Church and School has been serving the Warrenton community as a place of spiritual nourishment and education for two centuries.

Saint James is planning physical changes to the Church and School facility on Culpeper Street to better serve the existing congregation and surrounding community. The scope of the project includes interior renovations to the existing building and an addition.

One of the primary goals of the project is to improve the level of handicapped accessibility within the existing building, including renovation of the restrooms, replacing steps with ramps on two levels and installing a handicapped lift at the Parish Hall. Interior improvements to the choir room and various support spaces are also planned.

To the south, an Education Wing addition will include five classrooms (to replace classroom space absorbed/adapted in the renovated space), as well as support staff areas with an unfinished basement. A new elevator will provide accessibility to both levels of the addition and three levels in the existing building.

The design concept of the addition extends the geometry of the existing eastern wing of the building southward. A gabled porch identifies the entrance and recalls the gable at the apse of the Church just beyond. To harmonize with the materials of the existing facility the addition consists of stucco skin with stone at the base, punched windows and slate shingles at the sloping porch roofs.

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