



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Columbia, SC

**OWNER**

First Presbyterian Church

**SIZE**

36,000 SF (*Thornwell Center*)

**AWARDS**

Excellence in Adaptive Re-use,  
Historic Columbia Foundation  
(Jackson Hall)

Excellence in New Construction  
in a Historic Context, Historic  
Columbia Foundation  
(Thornwell Building)

- This project involved construction of the new Thornwell Education Center, restoration of Jackson Hall and renovation of Smith Chapel.
- The new Thornwell Education Center is a 36,000 SF, three-story facility with an enclosed walkway. The Center includes classrooms with an auditorium and stage on the third floor. Also included a connector between the Thornwell Center and Jackson Hall that has skylights and flagstone flooring. Building exterior contains slate roof, copper gutters and downspouts.
- Jackson Hall was restored to its original condition with vaulted ceilings, new stained glass windows, plaster glass column covers, and ribs splines and rosettes installed in the vaulted ceiling. The restoration also included flooring and mahogany doors.
- Renovation to Smith Chapel included faux paintings on the ceiling to feature a wood panel appearance and marbleized columns. The chapel has new stained glass windows.
- Our team worked diligently to minimize disruptions to ongoing operations. The construction was completed with zero setback lines from two major streets with no staging areas.

