

# Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

*Pavilion-Style New Buildings Nestle*

*Comfortably on Mature Wooded Site*



## WORK STATUS

Completed

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Programming interviews and analysis of the church's existing campus led LeMay Erickson Willcox to recommend demolition of an inefficient, inaccessible existing education building to make way for a new multipurpose-classroom building. The new facility provides a 250-seat fellowship hall, 10 classrooms, a music rehearsal suite and an administrative suite. On a large wooded lot, the design sensitively increases the parking areas while making the site handicapped accessible.

The new building was envisioned as a series of linked pavilions that connect to the existing Sanctuary via a canopy-covered walkway. The expressive cantilevered design of the canopy recalls the site's heavy tree cover while providing a functional connection between the buildings. Split-face and ground-face masonry provide durable low-maintenance materials, economically recalling the stone piers of the existing Sanctuary.