

## **Cathedral Stone Products Spearheads Comprehensive Exterior Restoration for Historic Atlanta Church**

**Firm's masonry work helps rescue First Presbyterian Church from significant deterioration.**

**Hanover, Md. - (date)** – Cathedral Stone Products (CSP), leading a team of contract partners, has completed extensive exterior renovations for the façade of Atlanta's historically designated First Presbyterian Church.

Faced with a crumbling exterior that had become hazardous, and wary of making changes that would damage the Church's historic character, the Church's facility managers – Griffin Services – called on Cathedral Stone Products to examine the situation and determine the best long-term repair and renovation strategy.

CSP's initial assessment found that previous repairs to the Church façade had been performed incorrectly, resulting in more significant deterioration than normal. They then enacted a plan designed to both correct prior issues and restore the Church with an eye toward the future.

CSP led a team of contractors – including Silverman Construction, Gay Construction, and Western Waterproofing – in working closely with the Church's representatives and the congregation itself.

“Each company and person working on this project was diligent, focused and highly experienced in their fields,” said Craig Anderson, Griffin Services' facility manager. “It made the project work very smoothly.”

The project included multiple phases, beginning with testing each stone to determine the best course of action. The stones were then cleaned and prepped, followed by repair, replacement, or retooling as needed. Once completed, the entire building was repointed.

Cathedral Stone Products supervised all masonry work, including training, prep inspections, and final inspections.

According to Anderson, “We've received only extremely positive feedback from the congregation about the Church's restored appearance.”

Originally built in 1909, the Church is on the National Register of Historic Places. The project comprised 20,476 total sandstones and 58,000 square feet of brick, and the work took place between May 2008 and January 2009.