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Himmelman Begins Construction on Journey Church Worship Facility

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LAKEWOOD, Colorado -- Himmelman Construction, Inc. (Himmelman), a privately held commercial General Contractor headquartered in Lakewood, Colorado, announced today the award and construction start of a ground-up worship facility in Castle Pines, Colorado. Journey Church will be located at 9009 Clydesdale Road on a 12.6-acre section of land between the Surrey Ridge and Oak Hills neighborhoods within Douglas County. Site development began in early September with a 10-month construction schedule. A ground breaking ceremony, attended by over 200 parishioners and church leadership, was held Sunday, October 2, with Lead Pastor Scotty Priest officiating. Facility development and strategic planning expertise is being provided by Church Facility Solutions, LLC (CFS), a church real estate and facility development services firm headquartered in Denver. Design services are being provided by Denver-based Lee Architects & Interior Designers.

This 14,250 square foot, 2-story plus mezzanine religious facility will include a 348-seat worship auditorium on the main level, as well as a lobby, restrooms, and refreshment area. The lower level will include six youth classrooms, a nursery, toddler room, and multiple gathering and youth rooms. The project also includes a 160-space parking lot, and over 12 acres of site development valued at \$1.7 million. The landscaping plan for this project will adhere to Douglas County's regulations and long term water use and sustainability, utilizing native tree and shrub species found nearby in the native Colorado foothills. The split level structure will be steel erected with an exterior face that will include metal, stucco, and stone.

"At our core, we are a construction management / general contracting firm that focuses on community-based projects, which includes worship facilities of all types. For us, the Journey Church project is an opportunity to not only build an exceptional worship facility but to build strong and lasting relationships with a Pastor and congregation for whom faith, family, and community is a daily commitment," said Chris Smith, Himmelman Senior Project Manger. "We are proud to be associated with such an enthusiastic group of worshipers dedicated to the growth and advancement of their parish," Smith added.

As a nondenominational house of worship with a contemporary esthetic and a growing congregation of over 1,000 members, Journey Church was founded ten years ago, holding its services in Denver hotel ballroom. Having doubled in size since its inception, the church is currently located in Centennial and has been searching for the appropriate piece of property to build a new and permanent worship facility for the past five years.

"We are a simple church with a rich history of helping people take the next step in their journey of faith," said Pastor Priest. "We are also known as a community church serving those who live around us, getting involved with a variety of community partnerships and charitable endeavors with Douglas County and Arapahoe County," Priest added. Utilizing Journey Church as a hub, the congregation's long term vision includes establishing a variety of neighborhood churches and expanding into South Castle Rock, Parker, and Littleton to start.

Priest hails from Atlanta, Georgia and graduated from the University of West Georgia with a degree in philosophy. At the age of 18, he began volunteering with youth ministries, working with middle and high school students. He held a variety of Associate Pastor positions prior to joining Journey Church in 2007. Please visit journeychurch.com for additional information on worship hours, ministries, event calendar, and resources.

Founded in 1955, Himmelman is a full-service construction management and contracting firm, providing a wide range of preconstruction and construction services to owners and developers across the State of Colorado. For over 23 years Himmelman has been establishing a reputation of distinction in building properties for the religious, K-12 education, municipal, and office markets. To view Himmelman's entire service offerings and award winning project portfolio, please visit himmelmanconstruction.com.

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