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kentwood community church

Client: Kentwood Community Church

Location: Kentwood, MI

Project Type: New Construction

Seat Count: 2,317

Opening: 1998

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AD Scope: Acoustics | Audio

The new Celebration Center at Kentwood Community Church is part of a 64,000+ square foot addition to the church. The expansion hosts a variety of services from the high-energy Nightlife Service which features a contemporary rock format to more traditional Sunday morning services. Not only was the room's versatility a priority, but the ministry staff at Kentwood wanted a design that would contribute to the feeling of community among the congregation and encourage participation.

AD created a reflector design throughout the ceiling to establish an intimate acoustic. The cones provide early reflections to the audience. Acoustics were further optimized by a slightly curved back wall to reduce the potential for late arriving reflections back to the stage. The room needed to be fairly live but at the same time offer a contemporary stage performance format. Acoustics were dealt with more by shaping than by putting in elaborate acoustic treatments. The end result was a mixture of church and theatrical styles.