

Faith United Methodist (Faith UMC) Pipe Organ

As of April, 2014

The Roosevelt pipe organ at Faith UMC is a three-manual organ with approximately 31 stops. The Great and Swell are located directly behind the Altar. The Choir is on the 2nd floor to the left of the Altar. Both the Choir and the Swell are under expression.

The organ was built by the Roosevelt Organ Company and was originally installed in the St. Paul's Church in Troy, NY in the 1880s. In the 1920s the organ was moved to the church currently named Faith United Methodist Church at the corner of Eastern and Brandywine Avenues in Schenectady, NY. In the 1960s the windchests were rebuilt and new ranks of pipes were added by Leonard Carlson Company.

In 2010, major upgrades and repairs were performed by Rosenberry & Myers. The Console was completely rebuilt, including solid state electronics, 128 levels of memory, and a transposer. The keyboards and pedalboard were replaced as well as the shutter motors. The wooden flute stops from the 1880s were completely refurbished. Other repairs were done to the chimes and broken pipes in various ranks.

Maintenance and tuning are performed under annual agreement by Rosenberry & Myers, Stuyvesant, NY. Tuning difficulties can arise, particularly in the winter, because of the variation in temperature between the Choir (unheated 2nd floor) and the Great Swell (1st floor). To minimize these differences, the door between the choir loft and the organ chamber behind the Altar should be left open at all times.

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