

A History of the Organs at Christ Church Newton

The original Aeolian-Skinner organ housed at Christ Church was purchased for the home of the Jones family in 1938, and was donated to Christ Church in 1959. It was installed without tonal additions or adjustments for the comparatively immense space in which it would be used.

In 1980, the original Aeolian-Skinner organ was enlarged with both used and new pipes built by a variety of manufacturers. Due to budget constraints, none of the pipework was rebuilt or re-voiced to produce a cohesive instrument. A used console was added and the entire instrument was shoehorned into the chamber with little space for the requirements of on-going maintenance.

The two manual and pedal pipe organ installed in 2003 incorporates much of the original Aeolian-Skinner pipework. It was designed to fit into the organ chamber adjacent to the altar, constructed in Lawrence, Kansas, and then assembled on site.

The stops produce the sound of a fine English/American Classic organ, which benefits the Anglican heritage of the Episcopal Church.



Reuter Organ

Opus 2220, Installed 2003

Parish of Christ Church (Episcopal) – Newton, New Jersey
2 Manual & pedal digital console / 42 Stops / 24 Ranks

Great

16' Gambe (Sw.)
8' Principal
8' Bourdon
8' Spitzflute TC (Sw.)
8' Gambe (Sw.)
8' Flute Celeste II (Sw.)
4' Octave
4' Spillflute
2' Super Octave
IV Mixture
8' Tromba
8' Clarinet (Sw.)
Deagan Chimes*
MIDI

Swell

16' Rohrflute*
8' Diapason*
8' Rohrflute
8' Gambe
8' Voix Celeste II*
8' Flute Celeste II*
4' Diapason Octave
4' Spitzflute
2 2/3' Nazard
2' Blockflute
1 3/5' Tierce
8' Trumpet*
8' Clarinet*
4' Trumpet
Tremulant
MIDI

Pedal

32' Resultant
16' Subbass
16' Rohrflute (Sw.)
16' Gambe (Sw. ext.)
8' Octave
8' Subbass
8' Rohrflute (Sw.)
8' Gambe (Sw.)
4' Choral Octave (ext.)
4' Subbass
16' Tromba
8' Tromba (Gt.)
8' Trumpet (Sw.)
4' Trumpet (Sw.)
4' Clarinet (Sw.)
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** pipework included from previous parish organ: Aeolian-Skinner Opus 987 built in 1938, rebuilt in 1980 by David V. Friedell.*