

Inaugural Organ Recital at Barre Church

The newly rebuilt pipe organ in The First Presbyterian Church in Barre, Vermont will have its inaugural recital on Sunday, November 26, at 3:00 PM. The instrument is the work of Peter Walker of Walker Pipe Organs in Guilford, Vermont who is the afternoon's organist. The instrument replaces the church's 1924 Estey pipe organ. It incorporates 5 ranks of pipes from the old organ as well as the original facade and pipes that have been retained and utilized in the design of the new case. The number of speaking stops has increased from 10 to 15, adding pipe work by Estey, and Casavant, as well as M. P. Moller. The free-standing console and electro-mechanical wind chests are controlled by a new solid-state control system.

In designing the new organ, the idea was to create an instrument that was more versatile than the old one. The end result, while leaning toward the romantic, does very well with all periods of the literature as well as providing solid accompaniment for hymn singing and choir anthems.

The afternoon's program will include works by Bach, Bruhns, Buxtehude, Walond, D'Aquin, Vierne, and Dupre as well as others.

The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.