

## From the Rector and Director of Music -- Special Organ Installation Announcement

Dear Christ Church,

The new organ is coming!! And we finally know when! The team from Taylor & Boody will be here on Monday, June 3rd!! You can see drawings of what it will look like on their website ([https://www.taylorandboody.com/opus\\_pages/opus\\_85/organ\\_photo\\_gallery.html](https://www.taylorandboody.com/opus_pages/opus_85/organ_photo_gallery.html)). We've also posted recent pictures of the work on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We want to say first and foremost, a tremendous THANK YOU to all of who have gotten us here. This campaign began in earnest in January 2020 and was dreamed and talked about for several years before that. All we do at Christ Church sings to the glory of God! I am excited about all the new ways we will proclaim those praises in the coming months! While we are still happy to receive contributions, we are also thankful that we have exceeded our campaign goal and have sufficient funds to cover all remaining costs.

The installation of the organ takes some time. Hopefully, the information below will answer any questions you may have!

**What happens on June 3rd?** The organ arrival date is one of the most important dates in the welcoming of a new instrument. The other important date is the Dedication Concert, which is the very first public performance given on the instrument once it is completed. On the arrival day, it is important that we welcome the builders and the Opus 85 organ to Christ Church with as many folks as we can. Everyone is invited to meet the builders, see the instrument as it arrives, and even get a chance to help bring in pieces of the organ into the nave. The builders will arrive either in the morning or around lunchtime. Stay tuned for further details about this and other organ welcoming/celebration events.

**How long will it take until the organ is complete?** The organ will take about two weeks to be built and put together, which means that we will worship in a different location on Sunday, June 9th. We'll either be in the Harrison Center or in the outdoor chapel, depending on the weather. After the two weeks, it will take another 6-8 weeks to voice the entire instrument. Voicing is when the builders shape the sound of each individual pipe in order to match it to the sound quality or character of that particular stop that the pipe belongs to (such as a oboe stop), while at the same time taking into consideration the acoustics of the room and the sound or character of the entire instrument itself. So for example, two separate flute stops could have two distinct sound quality characteristics that make them sound both different from one another and yet still like a flute. The "voicers" are in many ways the sound artists of the builders. Their work requires a good musical ear and takes weeks to complete.

**When will we hear the organ at church?** As the voicers complete their work, stops will most likely start being completed around mid-July. At that point, you can expect to hear some of the foundational stops played at church on Sunday mornings. As more stops are completed, we will be able to play more!

If you need more information about the organ installation process or about the Sacred Sound and Space campaign that got us to this point, please reach out to either Jacqueline Nappi, Director of Music ([jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:jacquelinenappi@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252-631-5864) or the Rev. Paul Canady, Rector ([paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com](mailto:paulcanady@christchurchnewbern.com) or 252.631.5861).

In Christ,  
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