



McAllister Memorial Announces Pipe Organ Restoration Campaign

Our Holtkamp Pipe Organ is celebrating its 45th year

Our venerable Holtkamp pipe organ is celebrating its 45th year! Our organ was designed and built by the Holtkamp Organ Company of Cleveland, Ohio and was installed and dedicated during the summer and fall of 1974. Our current organist was 9 years old at the time of the installation and remembers the excitement surrounding the organ's installation and dedication. Today, she is no less enthusiastic about the instrument but, importantly, after many years away has come to appreciate its quality, craftsmanship and excellent tonal range. The selection of stops is beautifully integrated.

Despite care organ showing signs of age

McAllister and its members have cared for the organ well over the years and it has received regular routine maintenance, but the organ is showing signs of age.

Organ examined and deemed worthy of restoration

During the last year and a half, it has been evaluated by two professionals, one of whom was Chris Holtkamp, the son of the original designer and builder of our organ. The second organ professional was Thomas Rohlf of Rohlf's Pipe Organ Services in Rocky Mount, Va. Both builders who examined the instrument found its condition to warrant restoration. Even more importantly, they both found the instrument to be of such quality as to be worthy of restoration.

Session votes to proceed with restoration of the organ

At its June 30, 2019 meeting, the Session voted unanimously to proceed with a total restoration of the organ. The cost of the restoration is \$87,138.00.

Restoration to be undertaken by Thomas Rohlf

The work will be undertaken by Thomas Rohlf. You can learn more about Thomas and his vast experience working with tracker action organs such as McAllister's at his website: pipeorganservices.com. He has recently completed large scale projects at Roanoke College, Salem, Va., and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Salem, Va. He is responsible for the tuning of the Holtkamp organ at Hollins University and is also responsible for the maintenance of the pipe organ at Granbury Memorial United Methodist Church in Covington.

Project will begin in early 2020

The restoration will begin in early 2020 and take place in five phases according to the different divisions of the organ:

Organ to be restored in 5 phases

Phase 1	Great Division	Pipes associated with the lower keyboard	\$21,108
Phase 2	Swell Division	Pipes associated with the upper keyboard	\$22,310
Phase 3	Pedal Division	Pipes associated with the pedal board	\$22,690

Phase 4	Wind System	Removal, restoration and reinstallation of three wind reservoirs	\$10,650
Phase 5	Console	Keydesk, pedalboard, stop tablets, combination action, etc.	\$10,380

Work to encompass all of the McAllister organ's 1075 pipes

Each pipe will be removed, cleaned, repaired if necessary, and tonally voiced. Following site work, case cleaning and replacement of slide motors, the pipes will be reinstalled and tuned.

Organ will remain playable during much of the restoration

The organ will not be out of commission during the entire restoration. Individual divisions can be disconnected from the wind system without disturbing the rest of the organ. For example, while the Great Division is being restored, the organist will still have access to the Swell and Pedal divisions. While the organ restoration will take an estimated 8 ½ to nine months, it is projected that the organ will only be completely unplayable for 7 to 8 weeks while the wind system is restored and work is done on the console.

Restoration is a major undertaking

The restoration of our organ is a major undertaking, requiring an equally major fundraising effort. Our Holtkamp has been with us to mark decades of Sundays, as well as many happy events and sacred holidays. Most recently its pipes celebrated the installation service of the Rev. James E. Moss, McAllister's newest pastor in its 100 year history. The organ has also provided solace for many during more somber occasions.

Your considered support is needed

Please consider that while the total cost of restoration is large it is an important investment in our church's future. As the late Elder Powell M. Leitch, Jr summarized in his recommendation to the session in 1972 regarding the purchase of the Hotlkamp organ:

“The need is here and now. We will be placing in our sanctuary a permanent structure, not just an instrument to assist the choirs and further our worship

through music but a permanent portion of the architecture of our sanctuary which will glorify God as much when it is silent as when it is played.”

Give new voice to a pipe and fund a phase of the restoration

Please consider a contribution in whole or in part to support one or more phases of this needed restoration. Consider that if you break this investment down by the number of pipes contributing to the sound and voice of our organ the investment in the restoration is \$82 per pipe, or approximately \$5,000 per stop or rank of pipes. Please help the McAllister organ continue to make a “joyful noise” for McAllister’s next half century by funding one or more pipes in one or more of the phases of this much needed restoration.

The voice of the smallest pipe

We ask those who can to consider funding a major part of one of the phases of this restoration. We welcome each and every contribution to the McAllister Memorial Organ Restoration Fund. The voice of the smallest pipe contributes to the chorus.

James E. (Jim) Faidley, Jr.
Clerk of Session

August 2019

Elizabeth Leitch (Beth) Dreszer
Organist



McAllister Memorial Organ Restoration Fund

Yes, I want to contribute to the restoration of McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church's Holtkamp organ and help the McAllister organ make a "joyful noise" for the church's next half century.

Target your contribution

\$82 per individual Organ pipe (1075 pipes)

\$100 per single key in the Console (61 keys X 2 manuals)

my contribution to restoration of the **Great Division** \$21,108

my contribution to restoration of the **Swell Division** \$22,310

my contribution to restoration of the **Pedal Division** \$22,690

my contribution to restoration of the **Wind System** \$10,650

my contribution to restoration of the **Console** \$10,380

OR support the restoration in total

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 \$_____ Circle Amount

I wish to make my donation in memory of _____.

I wish to make my donation in honor of _____.

My donation is enclosed

I commit to the above amount but will pay at a later date*

*Please send all donations within calendar years 2019 and 2020.

Please make checks payable to: **McAllister Memorial Organ Restoration Fund**

**McAllister Memorial Presbyterian Church
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Holtkamp Organ

The organ was designed and built by the Holtkamp Organ Company of Cleveland, Ohio. There are seventeen stops and 1075 pipes. The key action is mechanical with electric stop action. Thirteen adjustable combination pistons are provided. The stop list is as follows:

PEDAL

Pommer 16'
Octave 8'
Flute 8'
Choralbass 4'
Fagott 16'



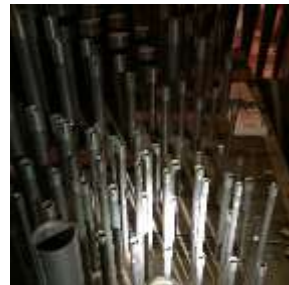
GREAT

Principal 8'
Gedackt 8'
Octave 4'
Waldfloete 2'
Mixture IV
Trumpet 8'



SWELL

Gemshorn 8'
Copula 8'
Rohrfloete 4'
Octave 2'
Larigot 1 1/3'
Cromorne 8'
Tremolo





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