

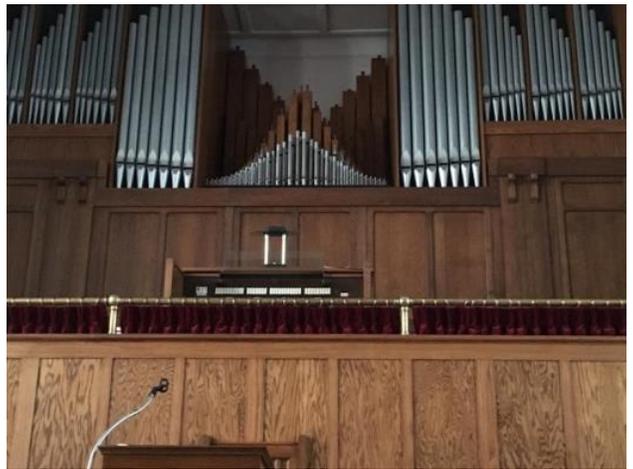
3-Manual Casavant Organ for Sale

by Alice Sanders, Organist and Music Director

The congregation of United Presbyterian of Shawnee, Oklahoma, has moved out of our 100-year-old building and is attempting to sell it. We originally considered storing our organ and reusing it in a future building, but given the fact of an uncertain timeline for that, the decision has been made to sell the instrument.

The organ is a 3-manual Casavant (Op. 3394) built in 1978, with 25 ranks and 1,364 pipes (specifications may be viewed at the [OHS Pipe Organ Database](#)). The organ is installed in a front balcony in an area approximately 12' by 26'. We do have copies of the blueprints of the organ.

Also, the organist who was at the church at the time of the installation, Elaine Chard, is a member of the Oklahoma City Chapter of AGO and would be a wonderful source of information.



John Riester from the Organ Institute at the University of Oklahoma came in July 2014, evaluated the organ, and provided estimates for removing and reinstallation, both in the organ's present configuration and in a pared-down version. That information is available for any interested party. The Organ Clearinghouse has also been contacted but has not yet responded.



The organ has been well-maintained throughout its life. Currently the church building is vacant and has been for one year, but I go over and play the instrument occasionally. It is still in good playing condition. No major renovations or improvements have been made that I'm aware of besides routine maintenance. The organ was tuned and serviced by Roger Banks for many years. In the last few years it has been serviced by Dan Kimes.

United Presbyterian is at the stage of contract negotiations with another church to buy our building. They do not want the organ and will undertake renovations that make it necessary for the organ to be removed as soon as possible.

As the organist at this church for almost 25 years I'm sad about this turn of events, but hope and trust that the organ can find a good home. Please spread the news far and wide!

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