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Christ Church Cathedral



Christ Church Cathedral of Cincinnati is a cathedral church of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. It was founded in 1817 by William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States; Dr. Daniel Drake, a great pioneer physician; and other early settlers of Cincinnati. In 1980, a small renovation project re-configured the alter and choir areas to an “open stage” format to address liturgical changes. In 1994, the church vestry approved the largest renovation project in the history of Christ Church. This renovation reached beyond the sanctuary to the entire church complex and Parish House, providing complete accessibility while updating heating, cooling and electrical systems.

The Christ Church Cathedral organ is one of the last – and largest – to be built by Walter Holtkamp, Sr., a leading figure in the mid-20th century American organ reform movement. Holtkamp was a proponent of a clean, neo-classic sound that spoke directly into the room without the assistance of a case. The organ contains 54 stops in five divisions over three manuals and a pedal board, plus a horizontal trumpet in the Spanish style, totaling roughly 4,000 pipes. Recently, a zimbelstern, or “bell star,” was added to the instrument. This organ, an icon of its time, has served the congregation for more than 50 years.

Christ Church Cathedral will host competitions throughout the entire 2012 World Choir Games.

Seating capacity	Total 502. 394 ground floor; 108 balcony
Chancel area	Dimensions: 33' x 24' (10m x 7.3m)