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### CHURCH DEDICATES NEW PIPE ORGAN (IN RENEWED SPACE)

St. John's Baptist Church, 300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, NC, will feature church organist, Maureen Howell in a dedicatory recital on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 7:30 PM. The concert celebrates the newly installed pipe organ (Opus 113) from Orgues Létourneau, of Saint-Hyacinthe Quebec.

In addition to the addition of the new organ, the church transformed its sanctuary to create an appealing space for both worship and concert events. Utilizing the services of an acoustician, the room was restored in such a way as to honor its original 1925 feel. The chancel rails were retrofitted to become removable, a mechanical lift was installed, and the choir loft restructured for improvement of both acoustics and function.

The concert will include the following works:

Choral III in A Minor - Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Psalm-Prelude (No. 2 from Set 1; Op. 32) - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Prelude and Fugue in E flat Major (BWV 552) - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Outer Hebrides (A Fantasia on Three Traditional Celtic Melodies) - Paul Halley (b. 1952)

Gospel Prelude on "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - William Bolcom (b. 1938)

--and the World Premiere of the commissioned work --

St. John's Suite (Four Chorale Preludes for Organ) - Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

1. "Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel..." (John 12:13) ST. THEODULPH

2. "...lovest thou me more than these?" (John 21:15) GALILEE

3. "...the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:11) HERZLIEBSTER JESU

4. "...blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20:29); O FILII ET FILIAE

Biographical Information about the organist:

Maureen Howell is a native of Danville, Virginia. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia and a Master of Church Music degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She has studied organ with Michael Grant, Jock Darling and Donald Hustad. She is organist at St. John's Baptist Church and also teaches piano privately. Maureen and her husband Warren have worked together in music ministry in churches in Virginia, Florida and North Carolina. They have two children, Andrew and Clara.

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