

FAITH CHAPEL MP3 Music System

Introduction

The Faith chapel MP3 music system allows any device capable of playing .mp3 music files to connect to the church computer music system. An archive of most of the hymns and responses used during church services is available in .mp3 format on-line hosted by the church website. These can be played on-line by devices having wireless internet access, or downloaded and saved ahead of time on devices connected to the Internet at home or other locations. This document explains how to make the connection and start "the system"; it is assumed that the operator knows how to use their own device and how to select and download music files. A good app for iPad is "Good Reader".

The connection

Locate the black braided audio cable already connected to the system control console. The free end of this cable has a standard headphone plug. Insert the plug into the headphone jack of the device being connected (iPad, laptop, smart phone, etc.)

Startup

- 1) Plug the main power strip cord into the 120V wall receptacle. The Commodore computer, monitor screen, and cooling fan start. These will not be needed but may remain on.
- 2) On the control console, select "source 2" as shown (below right).





- 3) Startup the Hammond organ. With both switches <u>down</u>, Hold the start switch on for eight seconds. While continuing to hold the start switch on, turn the run switch on. Continue holding the start switch on for four more seconds. Let go of the start switch. (Organ has vacuum tubes and has to "warm up".)
- 4) Startup your connected mp3 player, select the app you use to play music, set the volume to 90%.

Playing the Music (two options)

Option I

Download the required .mp3 music files and save them on your mp3 player device ahead of time. Save them to a music folder that can be easily located, then simply play the selected songs previously saved to the device. Regulate the volume using the master volume control on the system console to get about two green lights on the control console VU indicator.

Option 2

If your mp3 player device is wireless enabled and can connect to the Internet then select the required songs on-line and play them in your web browser or music player app directly from the website. The advantage of this method is that it requires no advance preparation. The disadvantage is that cellular Wi-Fi at the church may be slow. Regulate the volume using the master volume control on the system console to get about two green lights on the control console VU indicator.

Finding the Files On-Line

Navigate to http://www.tfcumc.org/music/mp3/ where you will find the index of music folders shown below. The numbered folders correspond to the numbers of hymns as found in the United Methodist



Hymnal. The "000" folder has hymns No. 1-99, the "100" folder has hymns numbered 100-199, etc. The "900", "1000" and "2000" folders have hymns that are not in the hymnal.

The "a" folder has all the songs used on a given Sunday including the basic responses and amen and Happy Birthday etc. You cannot move files from one folder to another on-line but you can download all the required files for your Sunday to the same folder on your mp3 player device.

Files with a number format ending in "-i" such as (504-i) include a full verse introduction plus all the sung verses. Files with a number format ending in "-p" have no introduction and are used for the prelude. Files with a number format ending in "-r" are a single verse "response" frequently with a short introduction. Files with a number format ending in "-c" are a single verse or part of a verse frequently used for the offertory. Files with a number format ending in "-b or -ben"

have chimes on the first verse followed by organ plus chimes, use for the benediction.

Files with "(sid)" as part of the name are MP3 recordings of songs played on the Commodore computer system and have the same sound. Files with "(nwc)" as part of the name were programmed using a program called Noteworthy Composer then recorded as MP3 files. These may have a variety of different instruments including emulation of the Hammond Organ sound. All of these different files are MP3 format and will play on any MP3 player device.



Photo at the left is **part** the "300s" folder. Note that the web server can only display <u>the first part</u> of the song title so one must select the song by its number and type

The files shown in the index on the previous page as <u>Faith Chapel Music L....</u> are Word and PDF documents containing the full detailed listing of all the Faith Chapel music. It would be helpful for one to generate a printed copy of this document.

The *Faith Chapel Music List* is frequently updated as new songs are added.