

GATES OF HEAVEN FLOOR REPLACEMENT

302 E Gorham St., Madison, WI

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Gates of Heaven was constructed in 1863 and was relocated from West Washington Avenue to its current location in the early 1970s. During relocation, the original flooring was removed. The existing non-original flooring is 5 ¼" wide select pine with very few knots.

The existing flooring is showing wear and requires replacement. In some places the tongue of the tongue and groove has been exposed due to wear and previous refinishing campaigns. The surface is no longer able to retain an historically appropriate finish.

The proposal is to replace the existing pine floor with a new pine floor in heart pine with limited tight knots to match the species and overall appearance of the existing floor.

The proposed new floor is an engineered flooring product that is 5 1/8" wide and will be finished on site to match the existing color.

Because the existing flooring runs under the altar/bema, special care will be required to cut the existing boards at the outside edge without causing any damage to the base of the altar/bema.

The existing floor surfaces of the raised altar/bema platforms, the stairs, and the balcony will be screened and refinished to match the finish of the new flooring.