



Dr. Robert E. Beckley is Professor of Sociology and Program Director for Sociology at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Beckley has authored four books and more than eighty articles, book reviews, and scholarly papers. He served as organist at the First Presbyterian Church of Canyon from 1975 through 2002. Dr. Beckley has also been organist for almost all of the WTAMU commencements since 1979. He was a member of the Amarillo Symphony Board of Directors from 1997 through 2004.

He serves as treasurer and board member of Friends of the Aeolian-Skinner Opus 24, a non-profit organization which is in charge of concerts featuring the famous organ at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Amarillo. He is married to Cheryl Beckley, who is a retired Tascosa High School teacher. Both are active members of Canyon's First Presbyterian Church, where he is an ordained elder. He has served as supply preacher on numerous occasions for First Presbyterian Church in Canyon as well as for other Presbyterian Churches in the area. The Beckley's were parents of one son, the late Brian Beckley.

Our Rodgers "American Classic" organ was originally installed in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Amarillo, in 1972. It was later purchased by Asbury Methodist, Lubbock, and given in memory of loved ones by Mr. Paul and the late Mrs. Mae Bush. Its acquisition and installation at First Presbyterian, Post, was made possible by gifts honoring the life and memory of:

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A Service of Dedication and Celebration



***December 5, 2010
First Presbyterian Church
Post, Texas***

The Worship of God

Prelude: “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him.” – “Hyfrydol”
Rowland Hugh Prichard Margie Maestas
First Christian Church
Post, Texas

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing with joy to God our strength
People: and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
Leader: Raise a song and sound the timbrel,
People: the merry harp and lyre.

Entrance Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

The Dedication

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe.
You have made the whole earth after your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory. You alone do great wonders, and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth. All living things give you praise. You have breathed your breath of life and love into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song. In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

People: O Lord, before whose throne trumpets sound, and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb: Accept this organ for the worship of your Church, that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

A Concert of Celebration

Dr. Robert E. Beckley, Organist Emeritus
First Presbyterian Church, Canyon, Texas

“Fanfare in D.” Jacques Lemmens

“Assurance.” John Ness Beck/Janet Linker
(Combining “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” & “Blessed Assurance.”)

“Organ Sonata III: Movement I.” Felix Mendelssohn

The Offering is received. Gifts presented this afternoon will be given, with our thanks, to South Plains Food Bank.

Offertory Duet: “The Lord’s Prayer.” Margie Maestas
Arr. Albert Hay Malotte Lynette Thuett
Doxology and Prayer.

Dr. Beckley

“Wake, Awake! For Night is Flying.” J. S. Bach
(Schubler Chorale.)

“What Child Is This?” (“Greensleeves.”) Arr. Richard Purvis

“Variations on ‘Sussex Carol.’” Arr. Raymond H. Haan

Closing Hymn: “How Great Thou Art.”

Benediction.

Postlude: “Joy to the World.”
Arr. Virgil Fox Dr. Beckley