

BEFORE



These doors are, we believe, the original set, making them nearly 100 years old! They have served us well, but the hardware mechanisms were beginning to fail and the wear of a century of use and weather was visible.

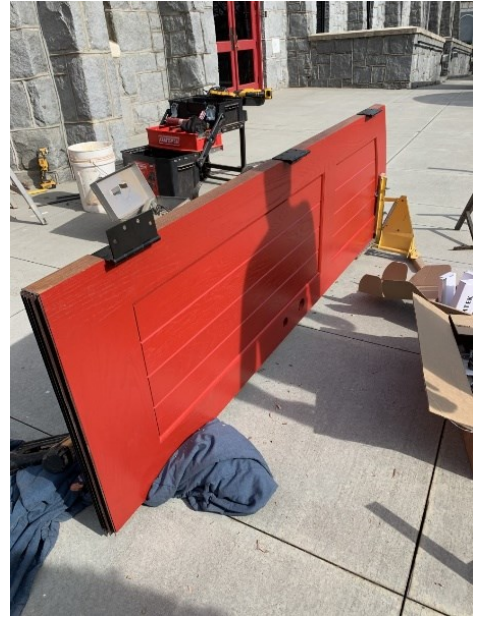
From the inside, you can see the outside! As the wood aged, it began to shrink, and crevices appeared between the bead boards. Light also shone between and under the doors.

While it was a bit comical to see through wooden doors, this wasn't great for keeping the weather out! Additionally, these doors swung inward, which was a safety hazard.

We have kept these historic doors and hardware for a future (yet to be determined) purpose.



DURING



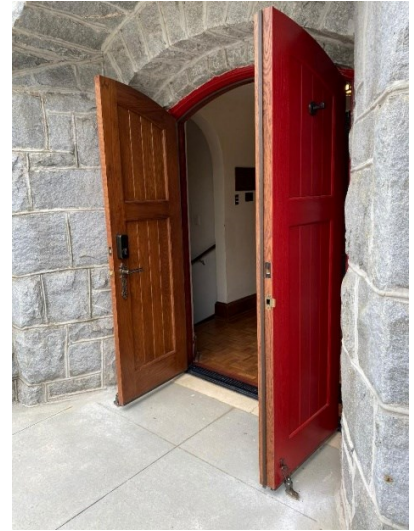
The old doors were removed and the new doors were fitted to the archway - the fitting took hours!

For a short time, there was even MORE sunlight visible through the doors!



AFTER

The doors now swing safely outward and hook onto hinges to stay open when needed.



These doors are 2 inch white oak, which should stand sturdy for at least 75 years! The detail work is carved on the surface, so panels won't shrink apart in years to come. The non-handle door uses sliding surface locks on top and bottom, which are much more durable than in-door floor and ceiling locks.

Our front doors are the same bright red they've always been!



The hardware, while not an exact match to the former doors, echoes the previous style, and will only become more beautiful with wear. The lever handles themselves, inside and outside, should be much more accessible.

These new doors are more than a physical upgrade. They are a visual reminder of our commitment to welcoming God's people to Grace!

Thank you again for your generosity and support which allowed us to make this physical improvement. These doors will welcome God's people for decades!