



# UPSTATE DOOR®

DISTINCTIVE DOOR SOLUTIONS

## HISTORICAL REPLICATION

### *St. Luke's Chapel*

*St. Luke's Chapel and Rectory in Stamford, Connecticut were added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 as significant examples of Gothic Revival, Shingle-Style and Romanesque architecture.*

For the Stamford community, though, the 125-year old buildings represent something more: they are symbols of compassionate care for those in need.

After many decades of continuous use, the buildings required considerable restoration. A State Historic Restoration grant was awarded, and local architect Patricia Gill of Gill & Gill Architects was hired to ensure "period correct" building specifications would be met.

Gill and General Contractor Charles Connor of Emerson Construction teamed up with Upstate Door and Interstate + Lakeland Lumber for a very special aspect of the restoration project: replicating the building's iconic exterior doors.

Gill designed and specified authentic, period appropriate doors. Upstate Door's team of drafters, engineers and woodworkers generated shop drawings to confirm her specific design details.

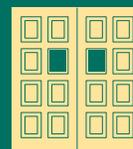
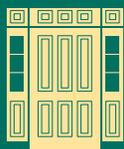
The historical design for the main entryway doors required oversized flush double doors made of African Mahogany. These paneled custom doors have a custom gothic top and a split finish to match the Rectory's interior and exterior look. The building's side entry door is a custom single panel door with gothic lites, transom and custom sidelites. Both doors required precision-built custom jambs so they could fit squarely inside original masonry openings.



**Before**



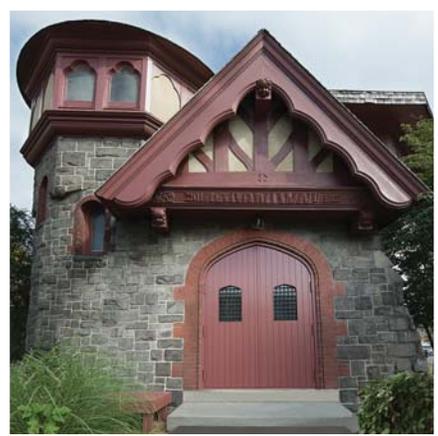
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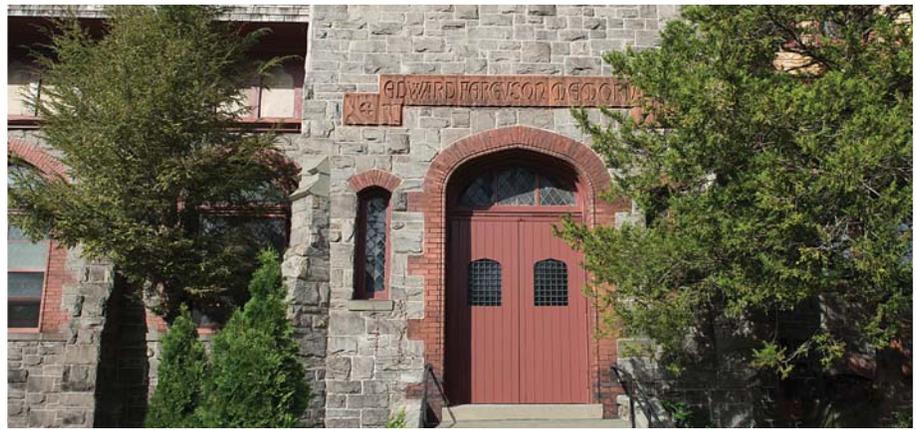
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### Side Entry



One of the first steps in the replication process involved building “actual size” wood templates of the original doors. Templates were built on-site at St. Luke's then shipped to Upstate Door in Warsaw, NY where radius measurements could be more accurately captured.

Using hand-selected lumber and precision milling technologies, Upstate Door built both doors with custom jambs within six weeks and delivered the doors to St. Luke's on an Upstate Door truck. Refurbished glass and iron work from the original front entryway doors were inset in each leaf to complete its historic design.

*“A project like this requires a manufacturer with a level of expertise that is above and beyond the norm,”* said Gill. *“Upstate Door's ability to meet architectural design specifications with exceptional precision helped preserve and protect the architectural design of St. Luke's Chapel and Rectory – and has made the buildings something for the community to be proud of once again.”*

Upstate Door, Inc. builds fine wood doors according to AWI (Architectural Woodwork Institute) standards for “fine furniture”. The company has two product lines: a fully custom line known as Distinctive Door Solutions™ and a semi-custom and standard line of door designs called Sun Dor Classics™.

### Restoration Team

**Architect:**

Gill & Gill Architects, LLC,  
Norwalk, CT

**Contractor:**

Emerson Construction,  
Trumbull, CT

**Dealer:**

Interstate + Lakeland Lumber  
Stamford, CT

**Door Manufacturer:**

Upstate Door, Inc., Warsaw, NY

### Front Entry

