



## Shining Light on Faith: Noroton Presbyterian Church's Stunning Glass Floor Installation

Explore how Noroton Presbyterian Church's striking glass floor symbolizes light, mission, and connection within their inspiring new expansion.

**Architect:**

Dennis Kowal Architects

**Customer:**

A. Pappajohn Company

**Product:**

Circle Redmont 91R Plank Glass

### Opportunity

Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, CT, sought to expand its facilities to better serve its growing community. The expansion included a mission center, facility hall, offices, and a prayer tower, all designed to enhance the church's ability to connect with its members and serve the local community. One of the key design goals was to bring natural light into the building, particularly to the lower levels, and a striking glass floor at the entrance was envisioned as a central feature. This glass floor would not only create an inviting entrance but also symbolize the church's reach and mission, tying into the spiritual and architectural vision of the project.

## Solution

GBA Architectural Products was brought in to design and install the glass floor, collaborating closely with Dennis Kowal Architects and A. Pappajohn Company. The solution involved a custom octagonal glass skylight framed with white powder-coated steel. The skylight was etched with a compass design, symbolizing the church's outreach and mission. This installation posed several challenges, including ensuring the floor's load-bearing capacity, deflection, and proper material identification. However, through close teamwork, careful planning, and precision manufacturing, the skylight was successfully created, meeting both aesthetic and functional requirements.

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## Outcome

The glass floor installation at Noroton Presbyterian Church became a standout feature of the expanded facility, perfectly blending form and function. It allowed light to penetrate deeper into the building, creating a welcoming atmosphere while symbolizing the church's mission. The final result was a beautiful and meaningful addition that not only enhanced the church's architecture but also provided a lasting visual representation of its values. The project was celebrated as a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved, providing a lasting legacy for the church and its community.



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