

Alan Lewis, Director of Music at Calvary Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania returns to the North Coast on Sunday, January 31, 3 pm, to present an organ recital sponsored by the Christ Church Concert Series. The concert will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, Eureka. Suggested donation for the concert is \$20.

The program will showcase a contrast between Baroque and French Romantic organ music and will include some pieces of both Early and Contemporary music. Dr. Lewis will perform several organ works by J. S. Bach, including the lively *Prelude and Fugue in D Major*. The Bach *Fugue* ends with a brilliant, rapid pedal solo which demonstrates the superb technique of the organist. *Piece Heroique*, a major work by French composer Cesar Franck, dramatically portrays concepts of good and evil, ending with a full-organ statement of the triumphant "good" theme, providing an opportunity to hear the full richness of the new 31-rank Kegg pipe organ.

Dr. Lewis was introduced to the world of organ performance and began his study of the organ in southern California with Douglas Moorehead, who is currently the Director of Music and Organist at Christ Episcopal Church. After earning degrees in performance and music history from Oberlin College & Conservatory of Music in Ohio, Dr. Lewis returned to California as a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities at the University of California, Berkeley. While completing his doctoral studies at Berkeley, he lectured on church music and directed the Chapel Music at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific, a graduate theological seminary of the Episcopal Church. He has served as the Music Director for three Episcopal congregations in the greater San Francisco region.

In his current position at Calvary Church, Alan Lewis plays the organ and directs choirs encompassing more than 75 singers. The choir has sung twice at Manhattan's famed St. Thomas Church and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and has served 3 summer residencies at Washington National Cathedral, where they have been invited to return this July.

In addition to his work at Calvary, Lewis reviews choral music for the Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians and is an adjunct faculty member of the Mary Pappert School of Music at Duquesne University. He is working toward the completion of a cycle of responsorial Psalm-settings for choir and congregation.

Previous concerts on the new Kegg pipe organ have filled the church to capacity. The doors will open at 2:30 for those who wish to arrive early. Christ Episcopal Church is located at the corner of 15th and H Streets in Eureka. For more information, contact the Christ Church office at 442-1797 or visit the web site at: <http://www.christchurcheureka.org/concerts.html>