

# Stop & Reed

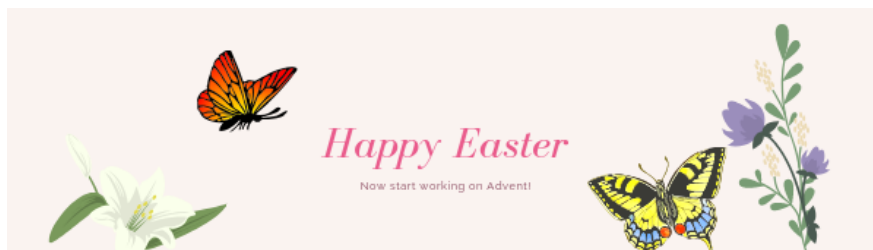
April 2019

San Joaquin Valley Chapter American Guild of Organists

## From the Dean

Get the organ tuned, prepare music, hire musicians, rehearse the choir, rehearse the soloists, practice the organ...which service is this for again?...is everyone else geared up for Holy Week? Wether your tradition has multiple services throughout the week, or you have a single Easter service, I hope everyone takes a moment to breathe!

A big thank you to everyone involved in our annual hymn festival. Once again, it was a fabulous event. This year's theme was "Sing and Ring Praise!". We had a great combined choir of 55 members, from 21 different central valley churches, all led by Dr. Roy Klassen, professor emeritus from Fresno Pacific University. The singing was accompanied by the University Presbyterian Church Bell Choir under the direction of David Knudson, AGO chapter organists Susan Berg, Cactus Harris, Michal Hembd, Tyrell McKenzie, Helga Medd, and Catherine Walker. Kudos to all!



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# Chapter Events

## Organ Artist Series

Richard Elliott, performing

Sunday, May 5, 2019

3:00 PM

First Congregational Church

2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., Fresno

## Officer Installation

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Time and Location to be determined

## University Presbyterian 50th anniversary

Presenting Hans Hielscher, Organ concert

Thursday, May 23, 2019

University Presbyterian Church

1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno

## *Chapter Election*

Proposed Board Member Slate of the San Joaquin Valley AGO Chapter for 2018 Election.

First Posting of the Proposed Slate of Board Members:

Member-At-Large (Term expiring in 2022):

Matthew Rye

Faye DeLong

A second posting of this slate will be published in the May 2019 edition of the Stop & Reed. If there are no additional nominations the slate as it stands will be elected. Procedures for making additional nominations are:

1. The nominee must agree in advance of the nomination
2. The nomination must be signed by five (5) chapter voting members in good standing
3. The nomination must be submitted in writing to Michael Varlas, 1701 Riverview Drive, Madera, CA 93637 no later than June 1, 2019

If there are additional nominations a ballot will be prepared and voting members will vote for their choice.



### **NEXT SJVAGO BOARD**

#### **MEETING:**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**10:30 AM**

**University Presbyterian  
Church**

**1771 E. Roberts Ave., Fresno**

# Member Recital

## Organ Concert

April 14, 2019 2:30pm



*Our Historic 1911 Murray Harris Pipe Organ has recently undergone an extensive rework. Come hear some of the Central Valley's most accomplished organists perform and hear the organ as it hasn't sounded since the early 1900s!*

### **Performers:**

Catherine Walker, Michael Varlas (AGO) and Tyrell McKenzie (Music Director, Church of the Saviour)

### **Works by:**

Paul Manz, Felix Mendelssohn, Alexandre Guilmant, Jean Langlais, and others.

Admission is **Free**. However, donations are gratefully accepted to benefit the Organ Preservation Fund.

### **Episcopal Church of the Saviour**

519 N. Douty St., Hanford CA

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# OAS Concert

**DR. RICHARD ELLIOTT**  
Principal Organist of the Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square



**In Concert**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019**  
**AT 3 P.M.**

**First Congregational Church**  
**2131 N. Van Ness Blvd, Fresno**

**A free-will offering will be taken**



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# Organist Position

*Hope Lutheran Church*  
*364 East Barstow Avenue*  
*Fresno, CA 93710*  
 (559) 439-4320 FAX (559) 431-4182

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: CHURCH ORGANIST**

Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a professional organist to accompany the church choir and congregation for the enrichment of the worship life of the church. The organist sets the mood and spirit of the service for the congregation. Organ and piano solos are provided when necessary. The church organist must work closely with the choir director, the worship and music committee, and the pastors.

This is an at-will, part-time position of approximately 6 hours per week, 52 weeks per year. The starting yearly salary is \$10,500.00 to \$11,500.00, commensurate to qualifications and experience.

Minimum Requirements include:

- Knowledge of organ and other keyboard literature, Christian hymnody, and liturgical, music
- Advanced organ and piano proficiency
- Bachelor's Degree in Music or comparable professional training and experience
- Experience as a church organist and accompanist preferred
- Ability to work collaboratively with the choir, soloists, and others involved in the church music program

All applications received by March 1, 2019 will be considered.

Submit your resume and cover letter to Myra Squeo at [myra@hopelutheranfresno.org](mailto:myra@hopelutheranfresno.org) or Hope Lutheran Church, Attn: Organist Search Committee, 364 East Barstow Avenue, Fresno, CA 93710.