

## **Brent te Velde, Guest Organ Recitalist**

**Brent te Velde** is Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, SC. He studied at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, Yale University and Indiana University. He was awarded first prize in the Rodland Memorial Organ, AGO Regional Young Organists, and the William Hall, Competitions in organ performance. His playing has been featured on the National Public Radio program, *Pipedreams*. Brent will be giving an organ recital on Friday night, February 22, at 7pm, at Shandon UMC. He will lead a session on "Hymn Playing," on Saturday morning, February 23.

## **Dr. John Behnke, Handbell Clinician**

Dr. John Behnke is the director of the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble. <http://www.milwaukeehandbells.org> He is also the Music Editor for AGEHR Music - Handbell Musicians of America. <http://www.handbellmusicians.org>, and Organist and Choir Director at Historic Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee, WI. Dr. John Behnke is Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where he taught organ, graduate handbell courses, and directed The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir for 29 years from 1986 until August of 2015.

Dr. Behnke is a frequent organ recitalist, handbell clinician, and festival director. He enjoys composing and arranging having nearly 400 handbell, choral, and organ compositions in print with seventeen different publishers in the United States, Germany, and Taiwan.

He was honored in December of 1993 being named "MVP" Most Valuable Player in the Milwaukee area by Milwaukee Sentinel music critic, Nancy Raabe. He has also received an ASCAP Composers Award every year since 1998.

A 1974 graduate of Concordia-River Forest, IL. he received his M. Mus. in Church Music and Organ from Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. in 1978. His D. Mus. was awarded to him in 1984 by Northwestern University where he was elected into the Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, a National Honorary Music Society. From August 1978 to July 1979 Dr. Behnke studied at the Westphalian Church Music Institute in Herford, W. Germany, where he passed the "A" Exam in Organ with the grade of "1-Excellent".