



# Organs in Churches

What do you know about church organs? Here are some questions for you to use for an interview with your church organist. When you complete your interview, share what you have learned with a parent, relative or older adult member of your church. You might write an article for your church bulletin or church newsletter about the organ.

Date of Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Organist \_\_\_\_\_

1. What kind of organ do we have in our church? Electronic? Pipe? Digital? Other?
2. How old is our church organ?
3. How are electronic and pipe organs different?
4. Why are the pipes of a pipe organ different shapes and sizes?
5. How many manuals (keyboards) are there on our church organ?
6. Is there a pedal board? How is it used?
7. Are there pedals to make the sound louder and softer? Ask the organist to show you how these work and to explain how they operate differently on an electronic and pipe organ.
8. Does the organ have drawknobs or stop tabs? Ask the organist to explain the different families of sounds on your organ and list them here.
9. Ask your organist how he or she learned to play the organ. Was it hard or easy?

*May be duplicated for your choir.*