

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Mt. Airy, Maryland
Mr. Joseph Choi, Music Director

Mr. Joseph Choi, Music Director of Calvary UMC is originally from South Korea and for over 30 years now he has been living in the US. Concurrently he is also conductor of Loudoun Symphony Youth Orchestra (Concert Orchestra) Conductor, serving as Orchestra Director with Grace Academy (Hagerstown, MD), is currently working on finishing his DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) in Orchestral Conducting at the Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA. He is also the Music Director of Hagerstown Seventh-day Adventist Church Sanctuary Choir in Maryland.

Currently he is also the Artistic Director & Conductor of the Maryland Chamber Orchestra, and in the past, Mr. Choi has conducted Phoenix Symphony (AZ), East Texas Symphony (TX), Astoria Symphony (NYC), Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic (Czech Republic), Beethoven Chamber Orchestra (Czech Republic), Scottsdale Symphony (AZ), University of Maryland Symphony (MD), Hartt Symphony Orchestra (CT), Maranatha Chamber Orchestra and served as Associate Conductor of Owensboro Symphony (KY) and Assistant Conductor of Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra (IN) and Asheville Symphony (NC). In the past, Maestro Choi also served as Music Director of Owensboro Symphony Youth Orchestra (KY) and Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (IN).

In October 2015, Mr. Choi made his Conducting Debut at the Carnegie Hall Concert Hall conducting to a nearly sold-out concert. In 2003, Mr. Choi made his conducting debut at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall where his performance with Prince George's All-County High School Orchestra performance was broadcast to Prince George's County (MD) residents for several months after the performance. In the past, Mr. Choi has also participated in many International conducting competitions such as Pedrotti International Conducting Competition (Italy), Besançon International Conducting Competition (France), Fundação Oriente International Conducting Competition (Semi-finalist) and as winner of Macon International Conducting Institute in Georgia. Due to his winning title, he was invited to attend St. Petersburg (Russia) Conducting Workshop to study with Yuri Temirkanov and conducted world famous St. Petersburg "Congress" Orchestra (Russia).

Mr. Choi is equally comfortable with the band and choral world where he continues to attend US Army Band Conducting workshops annually in Washington DC working with US "Pershings Own" Army Band. In 2003, he was named one of two finalists with US Army Band Conducting Auditions, also that same year; he was also named one of 7 finalists for the US Air Force Band Conducting Audition. In the past, he served as Assistant Conductor and Doctoral Graduate Choral Conducting major at the University of Maryland where he conducted University of Maryland Chorus and Chorale on a regular basis. He also sang "Vespers of Confessore" as a tenor soloist with University of Maryland Chorus and with Annapolis Symphony Orchestra. Also, in the past, he served as paid tenor section member with Baltimore Choral Arts & Baltimore Symphony Chorus for the Beethoven Symphony No. 9 performance with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and as Tenor Section member with CONCORRA (Professional Chorus in CT) at the Bard Festival and with American Symphony Orchestra in NYC.

Along with his wife Angela, (Music teacher) with Mt. Aetna Adventist School and their son Nathaniel (violinist and Pianist) is member of Loudoun Symphony Orchestra "Concert Orchestra" member and they reside in West Virginia.