



## **PAUL WESTRAY**

### **MUSICAL BIOGRAPHY**

Paul Westray is a graduate of the Armed Forces School of Music. Paul's musical career includes both vocal and instrumental work. He started his musical career while still in high school, marching in the competitive drum & bugle corps with the "Cavaliers" from Rosemont, IL. He also performed in many musicals including a tour in one of the Midwest productions of "Godspell."

After college, Paul joined the United States Marine Corps and was selected for "The Commandant's Own" - The United States Marine Drum & Bugle Corps where he toured around the world and performed for Heads of State from many countries.

After duty in the Marines, Paul enjoyed playing with the Washington Redskins Marching Band as well as singing in churches throughout the Washington Metropolitan area, and presenting the national anthem at many professional sporting events. His instrumental performances included playing bass trombone in the local big band "Swing Shift" and recording three CDs with that group.

In 2010, Paul returned to drum and bugle corps competition for one last run in 2010, winning a World Championship with the Reading Buccaneers Drum & Bugle Corps.

Paul has love for music in the church and began supporting the choirs at Sterling United Methodist Church where he substituted for the choir director and eventually served as co-director before accepting a position as Director of Music at Bethany United Methodist Church in Purcellville, VA. Currently, Paul is serving as the Traditional Service Music Director and Worship Leader at Leesburg Community Church.

Over the past decade, Paul has served as a volunteer music instructor in the Loudoun County Public School System. He supported Loudoun Valley High School as a volunteer for the Marching Band and Drama department. He also served as the Pep Band Director and Marching Band - Visual Instructor/Show Coordinator at Woodgrove High School.

Paul is currently a member of the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble and the Loudoun Chorale.