

## CHRISTINE EILEEN MORRISON

“Christie” was born in Kitchener Ontario Canada, where she attended St Mathews Lutheran Church. It was here where she was baptized, confirmed and later married her husband Brent in 1979. They were blessed with three boys; Steven in 1981, David in 1984 and Scott in 1987. In 1989 husband Brent acquired an optometry practice and they moved their entire family to start a new life in Victoria, British Columbia. In 2008, Christie and Brent purchased a home in Fountain Hills with the plans to relocate here during the winter months while maintaining their home in Victoria over the summer months.

Prior to their move to Victoria, Christie completed her grade 8 in piano through the Toronto Royal Conservatory of Music and then began formal voice training after being chosen as an 11 year old soprano making her debut as a soloist at a Christmas concert in front of 8,000 people. Her first voice teacher was Harry Urstandt in Kitchener, Ontario. Under his most capable tutelage, Christie placed first for many years in the local Kiwanis music festival.

After high school, Christie furthered her musical studies at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo Ontario and studied voice under the auspices of Dr. Victor Martins. Then her vocal studies were put on hold as she married and supported her husband while he finished his Doctoral studies in Optometry at the University of Waterloo.

After raising her children, Christie returned to complete her vocal studies with Dr. Marvin Regier at Western Washington University in Bellingham. She also completed a Teacher’s Training course through the Victoria Conservatory of Music. Upon completion, Christie was awarded the Madeline Till award for excellence and distinction in teaching. Christie completed her voice performance ARCT (Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Music) in January 2006.

Christie has taught voice lessons in her home studio for several years with her students winning many awards through the local Victoria Music Festival. Five of her students were also first place finishers at the provincial level.

More recently, Christie has been composing award winning music at provincial and national competitions. Christie is also a member of the British Columbia Registered Music Teacher’s Association, The International Registered Voice Teacher’s Association and the Association of Canadian Women Composers.

In November 2019, Christie has been pleased and excited to accept the position of Contemporary Music Minister at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. She looks forward to this position as an opportunity to serve God and become musically active in Fountain Hills Arizona.