

Marilyn Peterson was raised in Burbank, California, and began her music studies at the age of 4. Her mother, a professional pianist/organist, mentored her during daily practice sessions, helping her to progress quickly. She performed her first solo recital and also played as a soloist with concert band at the age of 11. After graduation from Burbank High School, she attended Los Angeles Pierce College where she was hired as the staff accompanist, a job she held for 9 years even after graduating with her AA in Music.

During her teen years she won numerous competitions and scholarships including the coveted Ferde Grofé (Grand Canyon Suite) Award, presented by the composer himself. She was a three-time winner of the Los Angeles Concerto/Aria Contest, on each occasion having the privilege of performing a concerto with full orchestra.

Marilyn has recorded three solo CD's: Beside Still Waters-a collection of her improvisational styles designed as quiet background music; My Favorite Classics which include selections by Chopin, Liszt and Debussy; and Christmas At Our House-a celebration of sacred and pop holiday favorites. She also joined soprano Gail Beckman on a CD called A Mixed Bouquet--Hand Picked Favorites which includes selections from their first of many concerts together.

In 2011 Marilyn was a contestant in the Ms. Senior Nevada Pageant. She was selected as the First Runner-Up along with taking home the top award in the talent category for the performance of her Phantom of the Opera Medley.

Marilyn lives in Tellico Village with her husband John after moving from Northern California in 2023. Currently she is the pianist at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lenoir City and performs at various senior living facilities and other venues in the Knoxville area.



Marilyn Peterson

In concert

Sunday, May 18, 2025

3:00 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

300 W Second Avenue

Lenoir City, Tennessee

<i>Fantasia-Improptu</i>	<i>Frederic Chopin</i>
<i>Arabesque</i>	<i>Claude Debussy</i>
<i>Valse in C# Minor</i>	<i>Frederic Chopin</i>
<i>Rhapsody in Blue</i>	<i>George Gershwin</i>
<i>Medley from Phantom of the Opera</i>	<i>Andrew Lloyd Webber</i> <i>Arr. Marilyn Peterson</i>
<i>Overture</i> <i>All I Ask of You</i> <i>Think of Me</i> <i>Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again</i> <i>The Music of the Night</i>	
<i>The Prayer</i>	<i>David Foster</i>
<i>Theme from New York, New York</i>	<i>John Kander</i>
<i>You Raise Me Up</i>	<i>Rolf Lovland/ Brendan Graham</i> <i>Arr. by Marilyn Peterson</i> <i>Featuring Walter Hines, Organ</i>
<i>Colors of the Wind from Disney's Pocahontas</i>	<i>Alan Menken</i>
<i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i> <i>(as played at Disneyland)</i>	<i>Klaus Badelt</i> <i>Arr. by Jarrod Radnich</i>
<i>Offering and announcements</i>	<i>Rev. Linda Bass</i>
<i>My Tribute</i>	<i>Andre Crouch</i> <i>Arr. by Dino Kartsonakis</i>
<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i>	<i>Horatio Spafford</i> <i>Arr. by Marilyn Peterson</i>
<i>O Worship the King</i>	<i>Johann Michael Haydn</i> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i>
<i>Jesus Loves Me (with Claire de Lune)</i>	<i>Claude Debussy</i> <i>William Bradbury</i> <i>Arr. by Fred Bock</i>
<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	<i>Julia Ward Howe</i> <i>Arr. by Dino Kartsonakis</i>

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church! We have been serving Christ and Lenoir City since 1867. Our church offers an opportunity to meet and worship with new friends, find new family activities, and build new relationships.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are in memory of Shannon Peterson Borger, daughter of John & Marilyn Peterson. The flowers are given by the Trinity UMC choir.

Reception: The Trinity UMC choir will host a reception to follow the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us!

A Note of Hospitality: Our restrooms are located in the hallway at the side entrance to the Sanctuary on the same floor. The women's restroom is to the right parallel to the stairway and the men's restroom is the first left down the hallway from the Sanctuary, then turn right and the restroom is end of hallway on the right. The nursery is located near the men's restroom.

Assistance Available: If you need assistance getting into or out of the church, please let one of our ushers know. We have ramp access to the front of the building, wheelchairs, and ushers available to assist.

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