

THE  
*John & Hazel Currie*  
*Memorial Concert*  
PRESENTS...

DIRECTLY FROM SOUTHFIELD, MI

HOPE UMC'S  
**GOSPEL**  
**CHOIR**

DIRECTED BY ALVIN WADDLES

FRIDAY, MAY 17  
7 PM  
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## MEET THE DIRECTOR:

Pianist, singer, composer and director **Alvin Waddles** has delighted audiences in over a dozen countries with his dazzling technique, fluid versatility and unique musical style. A native of Detroit and a graduate of the Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan School of Music, Mr. Waddles is equally at home in the worlds of classical piano, opera, theater, jazz, and gospel. He has performed at the Detroit International Jazz Festival and was named the 2022 Legacy Artist by the Detroit Jazz Festival Foundation. He has appeared as piano soloist with the Detroit, Rochester and Michigan Opera Theater Orchestras, is the featured piano soloist in annual productions of "Too Hot to Handel" in Detroit and Chicago and can frequently be heard performing his own Fats Waller Revue. He has performed across the country as musical director/pianist for Cook, Dixon and Young (formerly of the Three Mo' Tenors) and has been blessed to work with some of the world's finest musicians including Robert Shaw, Margaret Hillis, Brazeal Dennard, Minister Thomas Whitfield, Aretha Franklin, Anita Baker, George Shirley, Marcus Belgrave, Jack Jones, Stephanie Mills and Tramaine Hawkins. He has served as Minister of Music at Hope United Methodist Church in Southfield, MI since 1995.

