

## James Wells, Sightreading Adjudicator

James Wells serves as the Director of Music for Youth and Children at Brentwood United Methodist Church. Mr. Wells was raised in Middle Tennessee and attended MTSU earning degrees in vocal performance and music education. He attended Belmont University for graduate school and continued to study music education and conducting. Teaching music has led him to focus on areas such as Orff, Kodaly, World Drumming, and musical theater.

Mr. Wells served as the Choral Director and general music teacher at Freedom Intermediate School (grades 5 and 6) in Franklin, Tennessee from 1995-2005. He was former director of the Nashville Boys Choir at Vanderbilt University Blair School of Music, founder of the Tennessee Choral Academy, and is currently co-directing the touring choir for the Nashville Children's Choir.

Mr. Wells is excited for the opportunity to work with all of the talented students at this year's MTVA Choral festival. He promises to make sight-reading an experience that will put a smile on your face.