

December 3rd



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25th Annual Benton Street Baptist
Christmas Fostival

Welcome to Benton's Twenty-fifth Annual Christmas Festival. We are pleased to have you share in this joyful celebration of the music and message of Christmas.

Whether you are a first time guest at Benton's Christmas Festival or one of the many who have made our Christmas Festivals a part of their Christmas celebrations for years, we are happy that you have come. Our Director of Music and Worship, Julia Rogler, has been hard at work planning, overseeing, and rehearsing with the choir and various ensembles in preparation for this presentation. We are also pleased to have Dr. Doug Thomson, the Music and Worship Program Director at Heritage Bible College and Seminary, rehearsing and conducting our choir along with the Heritage Singers and an orchestra made up of members from all around the K-W community.

The music included in this year's program reflects a variety of styles from the light-hearted to the deeply reflective. The angels filled the night sky outside Bethlehem declaring "Glory to God in the highest" at the birth of Jesus. The shepherds saw Jesus and returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen. With all the upheaval in the world today, we need to be reminded of the love of God demonstrated in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We hope you will be blessed and inspired by what you see and hear in our program and most of all, that you will be touched in a fresh way by the message these songs contain.

On behalf of the entire Benton Street Baptist Church family, I wish for you the joy and blessing of a Christmas marked by a profound sense of awe and wonder as you celebrate the birth of the Son of God.

Pastor Gary McNitt Senior Pastor A Christmas Festival

Leroy Anderson

Words and Music by David Frey & Ben McDonald Arr by Cliff Duren

Merry Christmas To You solder : julia rogler choir & opchestra

Snowballs flyin' through the air, Crashed my sled, but I don't care. Nothin' in this world could make me blue. Snowmen out on the front lawn lift their heads and sing along, "Merry Christmas to you! Merry Christmas to you!"

Wa-ooh! Wa-ooh!

Grandpa snores loud as a choir.

Stockings hung above the fire

You got socks and I got a kazoo.

Cookies bakin' in the stove. Let's go hang the mistletoe.

Merry Christmas to you. Merry Christmas to you.

Christmas only comes but once a year.
The happiest of days is fin'lly here,
So come on sing it out! Let's give love that's true.
Merry Christmas to you.

I hear a noise up on the roof; it might be the sound of reindeer hooves. The kids all know, I know it's you know who. Above it all the angels sing. "Glory, glory to the King!" Merry Christmas to you. Merry Christmas to you.

Fa la la la la la la la la, Fa la la la la. Fa la la la la la la la la . Fa la la la la.

Christmas only comes but once a year. The happiest of days is fin'lly here, So come on sing it out! Let's give love that's true. Merry Christmas to you.

Christmas only comes but once a year.
The happiest of days is fin'lly here,
Jesus, You were born, and You gave love that's true.
Merry Christmas to you. Merry Christmas to you!

Wa-ooh. Wa-ooh! © 2013 Dayspring Music, LLC (BMI), Run Run Milo (BMI) and Pencil Publishing (BMI)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Music: Plainsong Words: Latin Hymn Arr by Phillip Keveren

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel!

O come Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by Thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to Thee, O Israel! Arrangement © 2017 McKinney Music, Inc. (BMI)/Kevko Music (BMI)

On of God soloist: Zachery vandermeulen Words and Music by Tony Wood, David Hamilton and Michael W. Smith Arr. by Russell Mouldin

Son of God, purest Light, Lord on high is here tonight. Stepping through this sacred sky, suddenly our eyes behold heaven's perfect plan unfold. Son of God.

Son of God. Love Divine. Timeless One, steps into time. Who could dream of such a thing? With us now, the King of kings. Men and angels bow and sing, singing Alleluia, Alleluia.

We're singing Gloria. Alleluia.

Emmanuel. Emmanuel. Our God is with us! Emmanuel. Our God is with us!

Son of God, purest Light, Lord on high is here tonight.
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God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional Carol Additional Words and Music by Joshua Spacht Arr by Joshua Spacht

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heav'nly Father a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.
Alleluia, Allelui

Now we who have this Christmas Joy, believing in His worth, To others sing that they may too adorn our Savior's birth. And offer praise to His dear Name, thus filling all the earth With tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,

O tidings of comfort and Joy! Joy! Joy! Comfort and Joy! Joy! Joy! Comfort and Joy! Comfort and Joy! © 2015 Dayspring Music, LLC (BMI)

Little Drummer Boy

Words and Music by Katherine Davis, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone Arr. By Dave Williamson

Come, they told me, pa rum pa pum pum.

A newborn King to see, pa rum pa pum pum.

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pa pum pum.

To lay before the King, pa rum pa pum pum,

Rum pa pump um, rum pa pum pum.

So to honor Him, pa rum pa pum pum, when we come.

Baby Jesus, pa rum pa pum pum.
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pa pum pum.
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pa pum pum.
That's fit to give our King, pa rum pa pum pum,
Rum pa pum um, rum pa pum pum.
Shall I play for you, pa rum pa pum pum, on my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pa pum pum.

The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pa pum pum.

I played my drum for Him, pa rum pa pum pum.

I played my best for Him, pa rum pa pum pum,

Rum pa pum um, rum pa pum pum.

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pa pum pum, me and my drum.

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The First Nowell

Words and Music by Michael Farren, Travis Ryan & Krissy Nordhoff Arr & Orch by Cliff Duren

#### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

The First Nowell, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell
Born is the King of Israel!

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Anto As

Words and Music by David Hamilton and Aaron Shust Arr. and Orch by Daniel Semsen

Unto us a Child is born, and unto us a Son is given. God with us, go and tell, Emmanuel has come from heaven. And His name will ever be the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor.

He's the great and mighty Lord; bow before our holy Savior!

Unto us a Child is born, Hope to all the world! Unto us the Son of God has come, sing hallelujah! Everlasting Father, name above all names! God is with us, sing hallelujah! For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given. He's the Prince of Peace! He's the Mighty God! He's the Savior born to set the captives free! He's the Promised One, the Messiah come, And His love will reign throughout eternity!

Unto us a Child is born, Hope to all the world!
Unto us the Son of God has come, we will sing hallelujah!
Shining in the darkness, Light to all the world!
Unto us the Son of God has come, we will sing hallelujah!
Everlasting Father, name above all names!
God is with us, sing hallelujah!

Sing hallelujah! Hallelujah!
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Come Behold
The Wondrous Mystery
Soloist: Norbert Redajoachim Verdonk

Words and Music by Michael Bleecker, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa Arr. By Cliff Duren

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity. In our longing, in our darkness, now the Light of life has come. Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of man. In His living, in His suff'ring, never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam, come to save the hellbound man.

Christ, the great and sure fulfillment of the law, in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb of victory.

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold.

Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Grace unmeasured, love untold!

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him. Praise the Lord, He is alive! What a foretaste of deliv'rance! How unwavering our hope, our hope! Christ in power, resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry. Amen. © 2012 and this arrangement © 2016 The Village Church (admin. By Michael Bleecker)/McKinney Music, Inc. (BMI)

The Prince Of Peace CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Words and Music: Phillip Keveren Arr by Phillip Keveren

The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light.

For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father! The Prince of peace!

For unto us a Child is born, a Son is given, Almighty God! The Prince of peace! © 2018 McKinney Music, Inc. (BMI)/Kevko Music (BMI)

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& Wayne Kirkpatrick

Orch. and Arr. By Ronn Huff

Words and Music by Michael W. Smith

SOLOISTS: JENNY ELLIOTSON CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice! For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light, Sing alle, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth. Christ is come, go and tell that He is in the manger. Sing alle, sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing, Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Saviour. Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! All is well!

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My Soul Will Sing

SOLOIST: ZACHERY VANDERMEULEN CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Fairest Lord Jesus, Baby in the manger,
Hope of the world, Son of God come down;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
Child in the manger, Infant of Mary,
Merciful Savior, Lord of grace;
Light in the darkness, Love everlasting,
Hope for the hopeless, Worthy of praise.

Oh, bless the Lord! He left His royal throne above, Emptied Himself of ev'rything but love. My soul will sing forever of His matchless grace. Eternal Savior, worthy of all praise.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Amen, Amen, Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen!

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Moonlight Sonata Op.27, No. 2 Music by Ludwig van Beethovan Fairest Lord Jesus: Anonymous German Hymn New lyrics by Phil Barfoot and Rebecca J. Peck Child in the Manger: Music: Traditional Gaelic Melody New lyrics by Phil Barfoot and Rebecca J. Peck My Soul Will Sing: Music: Irish Melody New lyrics by Phil Barfoot and Rebecca J. Peck My Grown-Up Christmas List soloist: carrie bennett

Words by Linda Thompson (additional words by Amy Grant) Music by David Foster

Do you remember me I sat upon your knee

I wrote to you with childhood fantasies

Well I'm all grown-up now

And still need help somehow

I'm not a child but my heart still can dream

So here's my lifelong wish

My grown up Christmas list

Not for myself but for a world in need

No more lives torn apart

That wars would never start

And time would heal all hearts

everyone would have a friend

And right would always win

And love would never end

This is my grown-up Christmas list

As children we believed

The grandest sight to see

Was something lovely wrapped beneath our tree

But Heaven surely knows

That packages and bows

Can never heal a hurting human soul

No more lives torn apart

That wars would never start

And time would heal all hearts

everyone would have a friend

And right would always win

And love would never end

This is my grown-up Christmas list

What is this illusion called the innocence of youth

Maybe only in our blind belief can we ever find the truth

No more lives torn apart

That wars would never start

And time would heal all hearts

everyone would have a friend

And right would always win

And love would never end
This is my grown-up Christmas list
This is my only lifelong wish
This is my grown-up Christmas list

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This Is Jesus soloist: cayle st. John choir & orchestra

Words and Music by Cliff Duren & Sue C. Smith Arr & Orch by Cliff Duren

This is Jesus, in the beginning; All creation knows His touch. One with God and Holy Spirit, Word of heaven, glorious. And before the world's foundation Stands the Lamb already slain. There is no one who is like Him. This is Jesus, praise His name.

This is Jesus, laid in a manger,
Infant Savior, God with us.
Sought by shepherds, sung by angels,
Word incarnate, holy Son.
O behold the Promise given;
He has come to make a way.
Wrapped in wonder, He is worshipped.
This is Jesus, born to save.

This is Jesus, Healer and Teacher, Reaching out to those in need. Hope and mercy to the broken, Love and comfort to the weak. There is truth and there is power; In His words, the way of life. Hear the whisper that is rising; This is Jesus, He is Christ.

This is Jesus, Savior, Redeemer,
Perfect Off'ring on a cross.
All our sins are placed upon Him;
O the greatness of His love.
Willingly He bears our sorrows.
Cav'ry's Lamb will bleed and die
For the desp'rate, lost without Him.
This is Jesus crucified.
This is Jesus, risen in vict'ry!

Night has ended! Dawn has come!

Shout the news of resurrection!

Death is conquered! Life has won!

And one day the song of heaven

Will be led by the redeemed.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is Jesus, King of kings!

King of kings! Jesus!

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O Come All Ye Faithful

Composer Unknown Arr. By David Willcocks

#### CONGREGATIONAL SONG

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born the King of Angels:

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,

Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God In the highest:

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, Born this happy morning,

Jesus to Thee be glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing;

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Glory To God In The Highest

Words and Music by Darryl Williams Arr. Camp Kirkland, Tom Fettke

"Look up! Fear not!" The angel said

"Behold, Messiah's come.

The One of whom you've read."

And as he spoke to men that day

The heavenly host around the throne

Joined in to say: "Glory to God in the highest,

Peace on earth and goodwill to men."

Heavenly angels announced His arrival

in the little town of Bethlehem.

Hallelujah to the Lord, sing holy;

He was born to save the world from sin.

Glory to God in the highest,

Glory, hallelujah to the Lord, Amen. © 1993 Centergetic Music/ASCAP

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan Arranged by Cliff Duren

Who can satisfy my soul like You?

Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do?

Who could ever be more faithful, too?

I will trust in You, I will trust in You, my God.

Who can satisfy my soul like You?

Who on earth could comfort me and love me like You do?

Who could ever be more faithful, too?

I will trust in You, I will trust in You, my God.

There is a Fountain who is a King!

Victorious Warrior and Lord of ev'rything!

My Rock, my Shelter! My very own!

Blessed Redeemer who reigns upon the throne!

Who couldever be more faithful, too?

Lord Jesus! Lord Jesus! Lord Jesus!

None but You! There's no one like You!

There is a Fountain who is a King!

Victorious Warrior and Lord of ev'rything!

My Rock, my Shelter! My very own!

Blessed Redeemer who reigns upon the throne! © 1989 and this arrangement © 2016 Sheperd's Heart Music, Inc. (BMI)



One Child

SOLOIST: JULIA HUFNAGEL & ZACHERY VANDERMEULEN CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Words and Music by Mariah Carey and Marc Shaiman Arr. by Mark McClure

An angel appeared of the Highest One, and Mary believed the Word she received of God's only Son. The Virgin rejoiced, gave thanks to the Lord; and as Joseph dreamt, the angel was sent with tidings of peace and joy of the blessed Baby Boy.

They traveled for miles to reach Bethlehem, yet when they arrived no one could provide a place in the inn for them. But God kept them safe from hurt, harm and danger in His warm embrace, away in a manger, waiting for Jesus' birth to glorify the earth. Then He came.

One Child can change the world: Christmas morn the King of all Kings was born! And He reigns for evermore. Let us worship and adore Christ, the Lord.

Wonderous star led shepherds and wise men through valleys and mountains; angels surrounded them as they traveled far. As heaven and home rang out for the Savior, the sweet Prince of Peace lay majestic'lly asleep, glorious and pure, and His mercy endures for always.

One Child can change the world: Christmas morn the King of all Kings was born! And He reigns for evermore. Let us worship and adore Christ, the Lord. Let us worship Him. Let us worship Christ, Christ, the Lord. © 2010 Rye Songs/Marc Shaiman Publishing Designee Worthy Is The Lamb

from Messiah

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, And hath redeemed us to God by His blood, To receive power, and riches, and wisdom, And strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, And hath redeemed us to God, To God by His blood, to receive power, And riches, and wisdom, and strength, And honor, and glory, and blessing.

Blessing and honor, glory and pow'r be unto Him, Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne And unto the Lamb, for ever, and ever. Amen.



Concertmaster

Tina Giannopoulos

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Jodi Merritt

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Susan Houghton

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Horn 2

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**Trumpet 2** 

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Doug Thomson Micah Sauder

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# Benton Church Choir

# Heritage Singers

#### Soprano

Angela Haines Annalise Peters Anne Fyfe Bonnie Brown Brae-Lyn Clifford Corie Lanctin Emily Francis Emma Rice Gabriela Barrenechea Isabel Alencar Janae Kroondijk Jenny Elliotson Julia Hufnagel Kathy Helwig

Katie MacLeod Lily Bennett Madeleine Rice Mary-Lou McNitt Rebecca Anders Sylvia Wallace Yvonne Ramsay

#### **Alto**

Carrie Bennett Elizabeth Elias Emily Iles Janessa Karcher Janet Roberts Janice Walls Janine Reda Jessica Heidt Joanne Clements Julia Rogler

Leah Jones Marilyn Beach Melanie O'Neail Raina Heidt Ruth Robbins

#### **Tenor**

Blair Groves Cayle St. John Gakunzi Sebaziga Gord Snider John Flietstra Norbert Reda

#### **Bass**

Andrew Walls
Brian Sklar
Christian Larsen
Peter Wilson
Rob Dufton
Sig Peters
Ted Robbins
Wendell Beach
Zachery VanderMeulen

#### **Soprano**

Bethany Aubin
Danielle Babby
Eve Polhamus
Kylie Harris
Phoenix Racinsky
Shannon Teichroeb

#### **Alto**

Courtney Bachert Elizabeth Reda Elyssia Burwell Johanna Hansen Tori Lesniara

#### **Tenor**

Alexander Hobbs Jared Heimann Josh Boyachek Judson Gooderham

#### **Bass**

Kyle Brubacher Tyler Kunica Micah Sauder Joachim Verdonk

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### **Dr. Doug Thomson**

This year we are once again privileged to have Dr. Doug Thomson as our guest conductor. Doug holds a B.A. in music from The University of Western Ontario, a Masters Degree in Theology from Tyndale University College and a Masters Degree in Music (choral conducting) from the University of Hartford, eventually studying briefly with the world renowned Maestro Robert Shaw at Furman University in South Carolina. He also has an Associate Diploma in Piano Performance from Western Ontario Conservatory of Music, and a Licentiate Diploma in Piano Performance from Trinity College, England and a Doctorate in Worship Studies from the Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Florida.

Dr. Thomson has taught at Alma College in St. Thomas and at the Western Ontario Conservatory of Music in London. He presently heads the Music Department at Heritage College. He served as the part-time pastor of music and worship at Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener from 2010-2018, and formerly served for nearly fifteen years in the same capacity at Forward Baptist Church, Cambridge.

Over the years Doug has been involved in many local concerts, as conductor of massed choirs, worship leader and instrumentalist with such artists as Steve Green, Larnelle Harris, David Phelps, Ben Heppner, Brian Doerksen, Robin Mark and others. In 2018 Doug was asked to prepare a choir for a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City, for the twenty-fifth anniversary presentation of Saviour, A Modern Oratorio. In 2009, in recognition of his contribution to music in the community including his active role on the board of the Cambridge Community Orchestra. Doug was nominated for the Bernice Adams Music Award given by the City of Cambridge.

In addition to teaching and performing, he remains active as an adjudicator, clinician, worship consultant and conference speaker.

# The Heritage Singers from Heritage Baptist College

We are pleased to have The Heritage Singers join the Benton Street Baptist Church Choir for this year's Festival. The conductor of the Heritage singers is Dr. Doug Thomson. Heritage Baptist College, located in Cambridge, is fully accredited by A.B.H.E., and offers undergraduate degrees majoring in Bible with concentrations in Pastoral Studies, Music, Audio Engineering, Youth & Children's Ministry, Biblical Counselling, & Intercultural Studies. Heritage Theological Seminary which is also accredited offers a Certificate of Theological Studies, a Master of Theological Studies degree, and a Master of Divinity degree with several areas of concentration.

The Music Department at Heritage offers a bachelor's degree in Music and Worship as well as certificates in Audio Engineering & Production, Performance and Composition, and Worship Leadership. Dr. Doug Thomson is the department head. The outstanding adjunct music instructors include Lee Brubacher, Jody Cross, David Thompson, Mike Janzen, Jeff Kendrick, Jacob Moon, Jamie Iles, Kenzie Cline, and Les Behrens.

For further information on Heritage College or Heritage Theological Seminary contact our website at www.DiscoverHeritage.ca or phone 1.800.465.1961.



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## **Special Thanks**

To the choir members of Benton Street Baptist Church and our many volunteers in the areas of promotion, greeting, ushering, parking, decorating, maintenance, set-up, and kitchen preparations.

THE BENTON STREET CHOIR is comprised of men and women from many walks of life with varied musical backgrounds. All involvement in the Benton Street music ministries is voluntary, and without financial remuneration. The choir is dedicated to growing spiritually, musically, and artistically through the choral art.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA is comprised of professional and amateur musicians from within the congregation and community. Some of the ensembles represented here today include members of the Kitchener – Waterloo Symphony, the Kitchener Waterloo Chamber Orchestra, the Oakville Symphony, the Waterloo Chamber Players, the Wellington Winds, Intrada Brass, the Galt Kiltie Band, the Stratford Orchestra, the Cambridge Community Orchestra, the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Orchestra, and music teachers from the Waterloo Regional District School Board.

JAMIE ILES has generously given of his time to serve as our Christmas Festival pianist. He is an alumnus of Heritage College, having received a Bachelor of Church Music. Most recently he obtained a Master's of Music in Music Education from The University of Western Ontario. In the midst of his own growing music studio and family, he serves with joy and excellence.

ZACHERY VANDERMUELEN has been singing and teaching internationally for several years. He began his studies in Canada with a Bachelor of Music from Wilfrid Laurier University, then going on to complete his Masters of Opera with the Dutch National Opera Academy in Amsterdam and The Hague. Zachery sang on the operatic stage for a number of years before heading back to Canada in December 2020. Upon returning to Canada, he completed his Bachelor of Education at Queen's University and is currently teaching on the Waterloo Region District School Board.

### **Credits**

Senior Pastor Reverend Gary McNitt

Director of Music & Worship Julia Rogler

> Festival Administrator Breanna Gaudaur

Festival Coordinator Wendell Beach

Festival Choir Pianist James Iles

Technical Production:

Director Tim Hamm

Assistants

Sharon Clarke - Visuals

John Lambert - Lyrics

Eric Reda - Lighting

Cory Rosa – Cameras

My Grown-up Christmas List Music Video

Production

Jon Talabis

Matt Collins

Decorating Coordinator Ruth Robbins

Hospitality Coordinator Christine Peters FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ON HIS
SHOULDERS.

AND HE WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.

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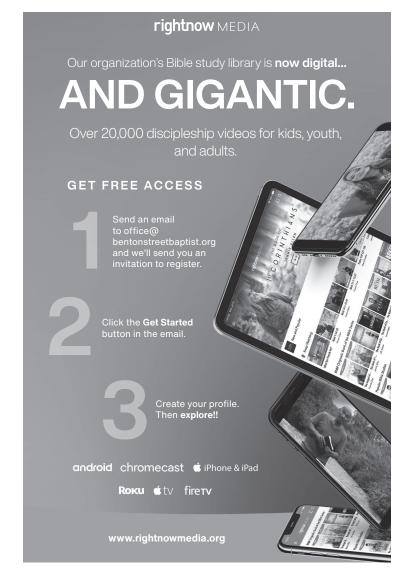


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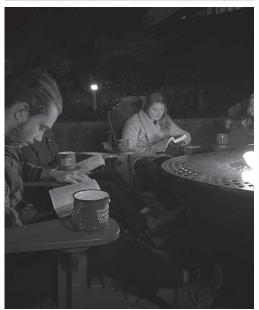
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Luke 2:10

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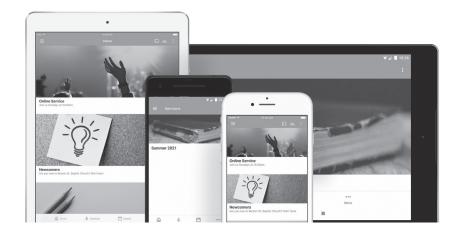
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