

28<sup>TH</sup>

BENTON STREET BAPTIST CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

*Welcome  
to our  
World*



WITH THE BENTON STREET BAPTIST CHOIR,  
THE HERITAGE SINGERS & ORCHESTRA

*December 6<sup>th</sup> & December 7<sup>th</sup>*

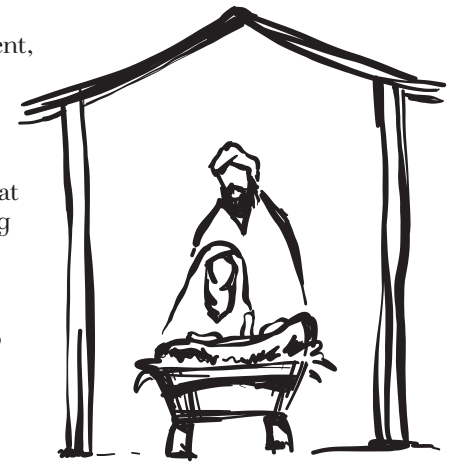
On behalf of the Benton Street Baptist Church family, I want to welcome you to our 28th Christmas Festival, entitled Welcome to Our World. We are thrilled that you have chosen to share in this joyful celebration of the music and message of Christmas with us. Whether you are a first-time guest at Benton's Christmas Festival or have had the opportunity to participate over the years, our hope and prayer is that you will be blessed by your time with us as together we remember and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Director of Music and Worship, Julia Terpstra, has been hard at work for months planning, overseeing and rehearsing with the choir and various ensembles in preparation for this weekend's presentations. We are also grateful to have the Director of Music and Worship Studies at Heritage Bible College and Seminary, Dr. Doug Thomson, as our guest choir rehearsal leader and conductor. In addition, we are excited to once again be accompanied by the Heritage Singers and our full orchestra made up of members from the wider K-W community.

The music included in this year's program reflects a variety of styles from the light-hearted to the deeply reflective, but through it all, the theme of Christ's birth and why he came is front and centre. We are told in Scripture that a heavenly host of angels filled the night sky near Bethlehem soon after the birth of Jesus to a group of shepherds declaring "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests" (Luke 2:14). At long last, the promised and much anticipated Messiah had arrived. We are also told that the shepherds then went into Bethlehem in search of the newborn king to behold and welcome him. When they departed, they returned to their fields glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen.

What a wonderful picture of excitement, wonder, worship and praise that surrounded the birth of the saviour of the world. With all the upheaval and uncertainty in the world today, we need to be reminded of the love that God demonstrated to us in the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. Like the shepherds at the pronouncement of Jesus' birth, we invite you to worship the King and welcome the Messiah to our world!

Jaye Rice  
Lead Pastor



28<sup>th</sup> Benton Street Baptist  
*Christmas Festival*

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*Merry Christmas To You*

Soloist: Julia Hufnagel  
Additional Singers: Angela Haines, Carrie Bennett, Cayle St. John, Peter Wilson  
Choir & Orchestra

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

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'ly 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, 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'ly 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'ly here,  
Jesus, You were born, and You gave love that's true.  
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.  
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.

Wa-ooh. Wa-ooh. Wa-ooh!

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## *A Christmas Festival*

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Leroy Anderson

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# *Narration*

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## *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Choir & Orchestra

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!  
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## *Winter Snow*

Soloist: Kerina Cantelo  
Ensemble, Orchestra

Words by Audrey Assad  
Arr by Joshua Spacht

You could've come like a mighty storm,  
with all the strength of a hurricane.  
You could've come like a forest fire,  
with all the power of Heaven in Your flame.

But You came like a winter snow, quiet and soft and slow,  
Falling from the sky in the night to the earth below.

You could have swept in like a tidal wave  
or in an ocean, to ravish our hearts  
You could've come through the roaring flood,  
To wipe away the things we've scarred.

Oh, but you came like a winter snow, quiet and soft and slow,  
Falling from the sky in the night to the earth below.

No, Your voice wasn't in a bush burnin',  
Your voice wasn't in a rushing wind,  
It was still, it was small, it was hidden.  
Oh, but you came like a winter snow, quiet, soft and slow,  
Falling from the sky in the night to the earth below.  
You came falling from the sky in the night, to the earth below.  
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## *Unto Us*

Choir & Orchestra

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

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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## *The First Nowell* Congregational Carol

Traditional English Carol  
Arr. By David Willcocks

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, 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, 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, Nowell  
Born is the King of Israel!

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## *Narration*

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### *Welcome to Our World*

Girl's Ensemble, Choir & Orchestra

Music and Lyrics by Chris Rice  
Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking.  
How we need to hear from God.  
You've been promised, we've been waiting.  
Welcome holy child, welcome holy child.

Hope that you don't mind our manger.  
How I wish we would have known.  
But long-awaited holy stranger  
Make yourself at home, please make yourself at home.

Bring your peace, into our violence  
Bid our hungry souls be filled.  
Word now breaking heaven's silence.  
Welcome to our world, welcome to our world.

Fragile finger sent to heal us.  
Tender brow prepared for thorn.  
Tiny heart whose blood will save us  
Unto us is born, unto us is born.

So wrap our injured flesh around you.  
Breathe our air and walk our sod.  
Rob our sin and make us holy  
Perfect Son of God, perfect Son of God.  
Welcome to our world.

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### *E'en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come*

Choir

Words & Music by  
Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord  
The Lord, Almighty God  
Who was, and is, and is to come  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord  
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon  
For Christ is coming soon

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come  
And night shall be no more  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun  
For Christ will be their all



## *My Soul Will Sing*

Soloist: Zachery Vander Meulen  
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 honour,  
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Child in the manger, infant of Mary,  
Merciful Saviour, 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 supreme display of love.  
My soul will sing forever of His matchless grace.  
Eternal Saviour, worthy of all praise.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honour, 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 Beethoven

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

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## *Intermission*

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## *Variations On Jingle Bells*

Soloist: Stephanie Vander Meulen  
Ensemble, Choir & Orchestra

Words and Music by John Pierpont  
Arranged by Mark Hayes

Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle,  
Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle bells.  
Ring them jingle bells!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Dashing through the snow, in a one-horse open sleigh,  
O'er the fields we go, laughing all the way. Hey!  
Bells on bobtail ring, making spirits bright.  
Oh, what fun it is to sing a sleighing song tonight.

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh. Hey!  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

The holidays are near. We want to have some fun.  
But how can we be merry when we're always on the run?  
Jingle bells are great, but a sleigh ride just won't do.  
Wouldn't you rather sail away on a Caribbean cruise?

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Start ringin' those bells,  
Oh ring them bells,  
Keep ringin' them bells,  
Jingle bells.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what merry fun it is to take a ride in a one-horse open sleigh.  
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way;  
Oh, what merry fun it is to take a ride in a one-horse open sleigh.  
Ring them bells, those jingle jangle, jingle jangle bells!

Listen, you can hear the sound spreading cheer throughout the town.  
Come on, ev'ry body, ring them bells!

Jinglin' janglin' Jinglin' janglin' jing jang,  
Jinglin' janglin' Jinglin' janglin' jing jang,  
Jingle bells ringing good news on the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Jinglin' janglin' Jinglin' janglin' jing jang,  
Jinglin' janglin' Jinglin' janglin' jing jang,  
Jingle bells ringing good news on the way.

Oh, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.  
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## *The Christmas Blessing*

Soloist: Alicia Beach

Music and Lyrics by  
Emma Theresa Verdonk

May the snow fall soft upon you.  
May the winds blow you home.  
May your feet not grow weary.  
May your eyes shine with joy.

May your cheeks be warm and rosy.  
May good cheer fill your glass.  
May your home ring with laughter.  
May your love ever last.

May you share the old, old story  
Of a night long ago.  
Of a stable in Bethlehem  
Of a manger so low.

May you bow down before Him.  
May you sing loud with praise.  
May you worship the Saviour  
For you He came to save.  
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## *O Holy Night*

Duet: Zachery and Stephanie Vander Meulen, Strings

Music by Adolphe Charles Adam  
Words by Placide Cappeau  
Translated by John Sullivan Dwight  
Duet Arranged by Doug Thomson

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
It is the night of the dear saviour's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
There came the wise men from Orient land.

The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;  
In all our trials born to be our friend.  
He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
And in His name all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
Let all within us praise His holy name.  
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

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## *This Is Jesus*

Soloist: Cayle St. John  
Choir & Orchestra

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! This is Jesus!

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

## *Joy to the World*

Music by George Frederic Handel  
**Congregational Carol**

Words by Isaac Watts  
Music by George Frederic Handel

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing.  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy.  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness.  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love.  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

## *Gabriel's Oboe*

Orchestra  
Oboe Solo: Karen Ages

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Music by Ennio Morricone  
Arr. by A. Jeff Christmas

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# *Narration*

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## *O Come All You Unfaithful*

Women's Trio & Orchestra  
Jenny Elliotson, Emily Iles, Carrie Bennett

O come all you unfaithful  
Come weak and unstable  
Come know you are not alone

O come barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying  
Come see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you

O come bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come taste of His perfect love

O come guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe

He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing  
Come He is the offering  
Come see what your God has done

Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you

Christ is born, Christ is born,  
Christ is born for you  
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Words and Music by  
Bob Kauflin & Lisa Clow  
Arr. by Dan Galbraith

## *God's Faithful Love*

Choir & Orchestra

Mighty God of all creation,  
wonderful in all Your ways;  
Faithful love in all the ages,  
through Your tender hand displayed.

How could One so pure, so perfect,  
find His way into my heart?  
Faithful love my sin hath covered.  
Righteousness to me impart,

O faithful love, God's faithful love.  
Ever seeking, never changing,  
O God's faithful love.

Grace that covers all my weakness,  
Constant hope that knows know end.  
Faithful love displays its mercies,  
Ev'ry morning new again.

O faithful love, God's faithful love.  
Ever seeking, never changing,  
O God's faithful love.

Soon our days will be forever,  
fin'ly there around His throne;  
Faithful love in all its glory,  
there in our eternal home.

O faithful love, God's faithful love.  
Ever seeking, never changing,  
O God's faithful love!

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Arr. By John Bolin and Phillip Keveren  
Orch. By Phillip Keveren

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## *Homily*

Pastor Gary McNitt

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## *Behold (With O Holy Night)*

Soloist: Norbert Reda

Additional Vocalists: Zachery Vander Meulen, John Flietstra, Cayle St. John

Narrator: Angela Haines

Choir & Orchestra

Dallas Jenkins, Phil Wickham,  
& Steven Furtick  
Arr. by Travis Cottrell & Mason Brown  
Orch. by Mason Brown

The sin-sick world needed saving.  
And though we tried and tried we could not save ourselves.  
But God, in His infinite wisdom provided a way.  
A way not mapped out by human hands  
But divinely directed to change the course of history.  
Through His son Jesus, salvation made its way  
From the thrones of heaven to the throes of humanity,  
Arriving not in splendor,  
But in simplicity,  
As a baby.  
This was not entirely what was expected,  
But it's exactly what was needed.

Behold the King has come,  
Divinity incarnate.  
Creator of the world, breathing our air.  
Behold what light has come,  
And the dark cannot contain it.  
The Saviour of the world is finally here.  
Behold the Father's love,  
Beyond all comprehension,  
He gave His only Son to die in our place.

Through Jesus, all is accomplished.  
The words of the law and the prophets fulfilled.  
Salvation has come to the lost.  
Sight for the blind, healing for the sick, death reversed,  
And sin defeated for good.

So here and now, at Christmas, we stand in awe and worship.  
Not to simply sing happy songs or exchange humble gifts  
But to remember why Jesus was born.  
For in His birth, He set course to the cross and that cross  
Casts an eternal light on the shadows of this world.  
Light that makes the darkness flee, the enemy retreat  
And death itself reverse.  
We worship today because salvation is ours.  
Through Christ Jesus the baby.  
Born to die, born to save the world and overcome the grave.

Go and see that empty tomb.  
He's not there for He is risen.  
Ev'ry heart prepare Him room,  
Jesus Christ the King of Heaven.

Fall on your knees, O hear the angel voices.  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, divine, O night, O night divine.  
Come let us adore Him, come let us adore Him,  
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

Come let us adore Him, come let us adore Him,  
For He alone is worthy,  
Christ the Lord, the Lord.  
Christ the Lord, the Lord.

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## *Who Can Satisfy My Soul Like You?*

Soloist: Julia Terpstra  
Choir & Orchestra

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 could ever 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!

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# Orchestra

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## **Concertmaster**

Tina Giannopoulos

## **Violin 1**

Rosemary Kropf  
David McFadden

Renata McNab

Anne Marie McQuaid-Snider

Dionne Porter

Bruce Skelton

## **Violin 2**

Rosemary Berndt

Kirby Julian

Hans Kroess

Patricia Lee

Fred Lenz

Erin Nespoli

## **Viola**

Liz Biswas

Anita Buttimer

Geralyn Miller

Carmen Miron

## **Cello**

Bryon Hagedorn

Carolyn Pratt

Genevieve Schirm-Joyce

Cynthia Steele

## **Bass**

Matthew Donnelly

Barbara Julian

Bruce McGillivray

## **Flute 1**

Wendy Wagler

## **Flute 2**

Jennifer Rodrigues

## **Alto Sax 1**

Tracey Frank

## **Clarinet 1**

Mark Carbone

## **Clarinet 2**

Justine Pearson

Carla Perrotta

## **Oboe**

Karen Ages

## **Bassoon**

Jodi Merritt

## **Harp**

Susan Houghton

## **Horn 1**

Emma Easton

## **Horn 2**

Hayley Burgess

## **Trumpet 1**

Paul Fehderau

## **Trumpet 2**

Martin Lacoste

## **Trumpet 3**

Robert Gellner

## **Tenor Trombone 1**

Susan Lee

## **Trombone 2**

Steve Hagedorn

## **Trombone 3**

Eric Probst

## **Bass Tuba**

Allan Lee

## **Percussion**

John Goddard

Sam Kargas

Graeme McMath

## **Drum Kit**

Les Behrens

## **Lead Guitar**

Matthew Stanton

## **El. Bass Guitar**

Matthew Lima

## **Piano**

Jamie Iles

Emily Iles

Doug Thomson

## **Organ**

Doug Thomson

Eve Jermyn



# Benton Church Choir

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## Soprano

Bethany Aubin  
Gabriela Barrenechea  
Karina Cantelo  
Brae-Lyn Clifford  
Shannah-Lyn Clifford  
Jenny Elliotson  
Anne Fyfe  
Angela Haines  
Julia Hufnagel  
Emsley Kukula  
Naomi Kukula

Julia Lima  
Eunice Ramsay  
Emily Reda-Mew  
Jessica Savescu  
Mihaela Savescu  
Aveline Rice  
Emmanuelle Rice  
Madeleine Rice  
Mateah Rice  
Sylvia Wallace

## Alto

Navya Bathula  
Suzana Belotto  
Carrie Bennett  
Andrea Borges  
Freda Gilmour  
Jessica Heidt

Kathy Helwig  
Emily Iles  
Lydia Racinsky  
Elizabeth Reda  
Janine Reda  
Ruth Robbins

Shauna Sommer  
Jane Tan  
Julia Terpstra  
Nadia Van Kesteren

## Tenor

John Flietstra  
Sebaziga Gakunzi  
Norbert Reda  
Ted Robbins  
Gordon Snider  
Cayle St. John

## Bass

Wendell Beach  
Jayanth Injeti  
Christian Larsen  
Craig Petersen  
Brian Sklar  
Peter Wilson

# Heritage Singers

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## Soprano

Alicia Beach  
Abigail Loveday  
Sarah McFadden  
Emma-Jo Sanderson  
Joanna Schoenmaker

## Alto

Lanae Beda  
Elyssia Burwell  
Evelyn Gilbert  
Kaelyn Kendrick  
Bethany Stigge

## Tenor

Micah Matthison  
Isaac Racinsky  
Devon Sutcliffe

## Bass

Tyler Cornell  
Shawn Lapierre  
Brennan McGuffin  
Noah Waddell



## *Dr. Doug Thomson*

Doug holds a B.A. in music from The University of Western Ontario, a Masters Degree in Theology from Tyndale University College and a Master's 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 Bible 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 prepared 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*

Heritage College & Seminary

We are pleased to have The Heritage Singers join the Benton Street Baptist Church Choir for this year's Festival. The Heritage Singers are from Heritage College, located in Cambridge, Ontario. This group is conducted by Mr. Jamie Iles.

Heritage College offers a variety of certificate programs, and undergraduate degree programs in General studies, Intercultural studies, Pastoral studies, Biblical Care & Counselling, Music & Worship studies, and Children & Youth Ministry studies.

Heritage Theological Seminary offers a variety of graduate certificate programs such as: the Graduate Certificate of Theological Studies, the Graduate Certificate in Biblical Care & Counselling, and the Graduate Certificate for Women in Ministry. As well as graduate degree programs, such as the Master of Divinity program, and the Master of Theological Studies program.

The Music Department at Heritage offers one-year Certificates in Worship Leadership, Performance & Composition, and Audio Engineering & Production; a two-year Diploma in Worship Studies; and undergraduate degrees in a Bachelor of Church Music, Bachelor of Theology – Music, and a Bachelor of Religious Education with a Music Minor.

Dr. Doug Thomson is the Department Head. The outstanding adjunct music instructors include Lee Brubacher, David Thompson, Ralf Buschmeyer, Jeff Kendrick, Jamie Iles, Kenzie Cline, Ariel Mudde, Trevor Hower, Joachim Verdonk, Emma Verdonk, Matt Collins, and Russ Shouldice.





# Special Thanks

## **BENTON CHURCH**

To the choir members of Benton Street Baptist Church and our many volunteers in the areas of greeting, ushering, parking, promotion, decor, maintenance, set-up, and kitchen preparations—thank you! This Festival is a church-wide effort that we could not have done this without you!

**THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS TEAM** led by Donna Kirk strives to make a lasting impression on everyone they greet and seat. We are so thankful for their warm welcome and attentive service that brings order and sets the tone for a meaningful experience for our guests.

**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 Symphony 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, on top of leading and rehearsing the Heritage Singers. He is an alumnus of Heritage College, having received a Bachelor of Church Music. He also holds a Master's of Music, in Music Education from The University of Western Ontario. In the midst of his own growing family and music studio, he serves with joy and excellence.

**EMMA THERESA VERDONK** is a composer and music educator from Brantford ON. She holds a Bachelor Degree in Community Music from Wilfrid Laurier University and a Masters Degree in Music Composition from University of Western Ontario. She has written music for the Laurie Symphony Orchestra, the Penderecki String Quartet, Arcady Ensemble and others. Emma is the author of two children's music theory books entitled Explore Music Theory and has co-authored a Music Theory textbook with Dr. Doug Thomson called The Language of Music

**ZACHERY VANDER MEULEN** is a classically trained vocalist who has sung and taught both locally and internationally for several years. He began his studies in Canada with a Bachelor of Music from Wilfrid Laurier University then completed his Master's 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 returning to Canada in December 2020. Zachery has since completed his Bachelor of Education at Queen's University and is currently teaching with the Waterloo Region District School Board.

**STEPHANIE VANDER MEULEN** is a classically trained soprano who has been teaching and performing for a number of years, both in the Waterloo region and abroad. Stephanie completed a Bachelor of Music from Wilfrid Laurier University and then completed a Master's of Opera from the Dutch National Opera Academy in Amsterdam. Stephanie taught and sang professionally for several years in the Netherlands before returning to Canada. Highlights included operatic roles with Holland Opera, Dutch National Opera & the Februari Festival Den Haag. Stephanie is currently teaching with the Waterloo Region District School Board.

**SHAREWORD GLOBAL** is the main sponsor of the Christmas Festival this year. They are a movement of Christians dedicated to giving everyone around the world the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Through personal connection, sharing Scripture, and partnerships with local churches, they aim to unleash Christians to share their faith in everyday life with the people around them.

## Credits

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Tim Hamm

**Festival Director**  
Julia Terpstra

**Assistants**  
Sharon Clarke – Visuals  
Eli Elliotson – Lyrics  
Eric Reda – Lighting

**Choral & Orchestral Conductor**  
Dr. Doug Thomson

Eduardo Barrenechea – Cameras

**Festival Administrator**  
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Luke 2:10*

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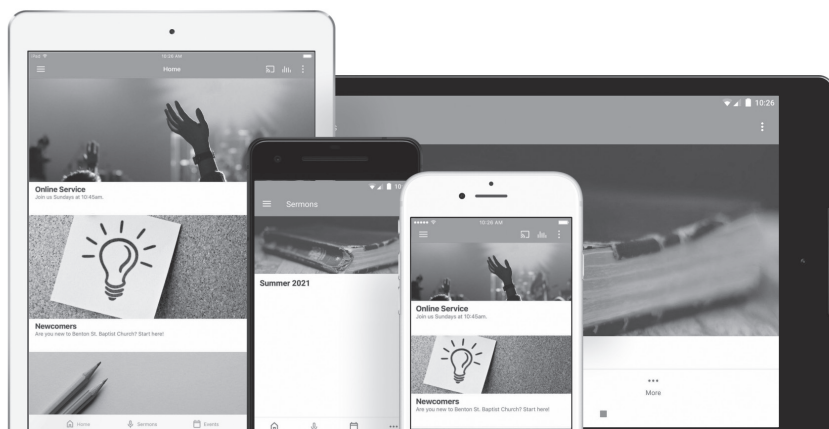


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