

SMALL GROUP SIGN UP: Interested in joining a small group? Visit www.benton.church/small-groups to sign up.

CHURCH EMAIL LIST: Would you like to be included in the church email list to keep up to date? Send an email to **office@benton.church**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our Adult Sunday School meets at 9:30am in the Reese Room. Each class begins with hymn singing.

PARKING: Please remember to park in the Benton and Charles Parking Garage if you are physically able. The garage is free on Sundays.



Our vision is to be a thriving congregation in downtown Kitchener: home to a diverse and growing family of believers united in Jesus Christ; a place where one can begin their Christian experience, belong to a caring family of fellow believers, and become a mature ministering disciple of Christ.



December 21st and 28th, 2025

10:45AM Worship Service



Lead Pastor	Jaye Rice
Pastor of Preaching & Discipleship	<u>Gary McNitt</u>
Director of Congregational Care	Brandy Peters
Director of Children & Youth	<u>Nathan Avery</u>
Director of Music & Worship	Julia Terpstra
Office Administrator	Breanna Gaudaur
Custodian	<u>Tyler Wilson</u>

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE:

office@benton.church 519-745-3792 VISIT US ONLINE: www.benton.church

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Welcome

We're glad you've decided to worship the Lord with us today.

If you are visiting, please let us know by emailing office@benton.church or connecting through our app. We'd love to get to know you better!

This Week:

Sunday,	Adult Sunday School Class	9:30am
December	Worship Service	10:45am
21st	Bible Connection	11:00am
Wednesday	Christmas Eve Service	6:00pm
Sunday,	Adult Sunday School Class	9:30am
December	Worship Service	10:45am
28th	Bible Connection	11:00am
Sunday, January 4th	Adult Sunday School Class Worship Service Bible Connection	9:30am 10:45am 11:00am

BUDGET VOTE RESULTS: Thank you to each of our members who participated in the Budget Vote last week. 97 members voted, with 94 voting in favour of approving the 2026 Budget.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Our finance committee has set a goal of \$12,000 for our Christmas Offering, which will directly support closing our year-end gap and providing a stable foundation for ministry as we enter 2026. As of last Sunday we have raised \$4610. Donations can be made through www.benton.church/give, by e-transfer or cash/cheque. See the Christmas Letter for details.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: Join us at 6pm on Wednesday, December 24th for a Christmas Eve Service. Children are welcome to sit with their families in the service as there will be no Bible Connection or Nursery/ Preschool for this service.

MARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT: Save the date for our Married Couples' Retreat which will take place February 13th-15th, 2026.

YOUNG ADULT PAINT NIGHT: All young adults are invited to a paint night in the church gym on Saturday, January 24th at 7pm. All supplies will be provided, no experience needed. Come let your inner artist out! More information about signing up will be available in the new year.

DONATION INFORMATION: Interested in contributing to the ministries taking place at Benton? You can place cash or a cheque in the box at the Welcome Desk, send an e-transfer to **giving@benton.church** or visit **www.benton.church/give** to donate online. You can also email **giving@benton.church** to set up pre-authorized payments.

DID YOU MISS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL? The recording of Saturday evening's performance will be available to watch online throughout the rest of December. Visit **www.benton.church** and look under 'Media.'

CHURCH OFFICE: The church office will be closed Monday, December 22nd - Thursday, January 2nd, and most of our staff will be taking time off between Christmas and New Year's. If you need to get in touch with someone from the church during that time, call 519-745-3792 and leave a message on the church office mailbox as it will be checked regularly.

GRIEFSHARE: All who have experienced the death of a loved one are invited to attend a faith-based grief support group this winter. We will be meeting in the Reese Room on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:15pm from January 28th - April 22nd. Workbooks will be provided at a cost of \$20. Please speak to Donna Mann for more information or email **office@benton.church**.

PRAYER MEETING: Join us online for our weekly Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays at 7pm in the new year. The Zoom link is emailed to the church family each week. Email **office@benton.church** to join our mailing list.

MISSIONARY UPDATE: The Bleijervelds are a part of our church family here and they're mobilizing to Northern Ireland. As TEAM missionaries, they're partnering with Youth Initiatives to in-still purpose and identity, apprentice Jesus together, and equip them as leaders—all through relational evangelism. Hope and purpose in Jesus is a real thing that Belfast needs in their community and generations to follow. Interested in following their journey? Send an email to dylan.bleijerveld@team.org and they'll plug you into what's happening.