

Mary McDonald Biography
Composer/Conductor

Mary McDonald is well-known in sacred music. With a career that spans over forty years, her songs appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of church music. More than 1200 compositions through anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections testify to her significant contribution to church music. No stranger to glass ceilings, her energy and charisma served her well when Mary became the first woman President of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. She recently retired from serving 36 years as accompanist for the Tennessee Men's Chorale, touring internationally to Brazil, England, Wales, and Italy.

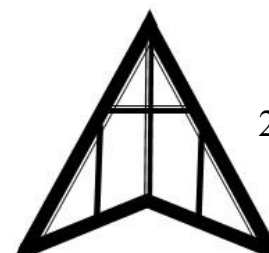
In 2010, after serving as senior music editor for The Lorenz Corporation in Dayton, Ohio for more than twenty years, Mary resigned her position in order to serve the church in a different way. Now, she takes her tremendous passion and love for music making directly to churches as an independent artist. Since then, she has been in constant demand in churches across the nation for composer weekends as well as served as host for many of the top choral music dealer conferences in the United States and Canada.

Mary has performed three times on the grand stage of Carnegie Hall, both as pianist and conductor, most recently conducting the *Festival of Christmas* November of 2022. She has been the recipient of numerous awards, among them the prestigious John Ness Beck award, the Paul B. Clark Award for Excellence in Church Music, and the Lifetime Achievement award in Sacred Music.

Mary and her husband of 43 years, Brian, a Knoxville architect, live on the scenic Douglas Lake in the heart of the Smoky Mountains in Dandridge, Tennessee. They have two married children and five grandchildren.

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Sunday, March 5, 2023
4:00 p.m.



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with
Northwood Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music
David Furr, Organist

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“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Mary McDonald, Piano

“Sing and Be Not Silent”

Mary McDonald

Refrain: Sing to the Lord and be not silent.
Sing to the Lord and glorify!
Sing to the Lord all ye His children.
Sing to the Lord O Most High! Sing to the Lord O Most High!

Give thanks to Him and be not silent, give thanks to Him and magnify!
Sing to the Lord all ye His children.
Sing to the Lord O Most High! Sing to the Lord O Most High!

Thou hast turned my mourning into dancing; Thou hast girded me with gladness.
For His anger is but a moment, His favor endures for a life.

He comes with joy to greet the morning. He gives us hope for each new day.
Give thanks remembering His Holiness. Give thanks to Him with songs of praise. *Refrain*

Welcome

Stephanie Carson

Hymn #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Mary McDonald, Piano, David Furr, Organ

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All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel’s race, ye ransomed from the fall.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

Prayer of Invocation

Chris Curvin, Pastor

“Be Still”

arr. Mary McDonald

Refrain: Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest, will give you rest.
I am present in your pain, and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. *Refrain*

My peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you. Peace. Peace. Peace.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God. Be still. Be still. Be still.

“Our Hope for Years to Come”

arr. Mary McDonald

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come!
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne. Thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame.
From everlasting Thou are God, To endless years, the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone.
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun. Before the rising sun!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
Be Thou our guard while life shall last and our eternal home.
And our eternal home! Amen. Amen. Amen!

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Mary McDonald

Mary McDonald, Piano

A Word From Heart and Hands

“On Eagles Wings”

arr. Mary McDonald

Mary McDonald, Piano

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Mary McDonald, Piano

“Down By the Riverside”

arr. Mary McDonald

Gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
I'm gonna lay down my burden down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, no more.
Ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, down by the riverside, the riverside.
It's me, it's me, O Lord standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Not my mother, not my father, but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by the riverside, down by the river, down by the river
down by the river. It's me, it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer! It's me, it's me, O Lord!

A Word About the Music

“Yes, My Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Mary McDonald

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, my Jesus loves me.

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide!
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. Yes, my Jesus loves me!

Jesus loves me! Loves me still, tho' I'm very weak and ill;
From His shining throne on high, comes to watch me where I lie.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible, the Bible, the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
If I love Him, when I die, He will take me home on high.
Yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus, yes, my Jesus loves me! Yes, my Jesus loves me!

“By Our Love”

arr. Mary McDonald

Brothers, let us come together, walking in the Spirit, there's much to be done.
We will come reaching out from our comforts, and they will know us by our love.

Sisters, we were made for kindness, we can pierce the darkness as He shines through us.
We will come reaching with a song of healing, and they will know us by our love.

Refrain: The time is now: come, Church, arise! Love with His hands, see with His eyes.
Bind it around you; let it never leave you, and they will know us by our love.

Children, you are hope for justice; stand firm in the truth now, set your hearts above.
You will be reaching long after we're gone, and they will know you by your love! **Refrain**

A Word From the Journey

“Then Sings My Soul”

arr. Mary McDonald

O, Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art,
how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in that on the cross,
my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” **Refrain**

Closing Words

Stephanie Carson

“Behold Our God”

arr. Mary McDonald

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice!

Refrain: Behold our God, seated on His throne; come, let us adore Him!
Behold our King, nothing can compare; come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **Refrain**

You will reign forever, let Your glory fill the earth; You will reign forever,
let Your glory fill the earth; You will reign forever, Your glory reign. You reign!

O come, let us adore Him; Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign, to reign! **Refrain**

Behold our God, our God!

**Your kind generosity is appreciated to help defray the expenses of our Composer Weekend
with Mary McDonald. There will be offering plates at the exits as we leave today.**

Chancel Choir

Soprano

Elaine Cornillaud
Rachelle Cox
Susan Curry
Kay Ferguson
Marion Homer
Debbie Lang
Jessie Lusk
Mary McCauley
Vickie Mills
Betty Spoerl

Mickey Stewart
Michele White
Ellen Williamson

Alto

Melanie Brown
Emily Cantin
Janet Dudley
Susan Gajentan
Barbara Jordan
Sally Keith
Jill Loomis
Aimee McDermott
Claudia Mitcham
Mary Sue Schell
Karlee Wright

Tenor

Randy Ball
Marti Huff
Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen

Bass

Jack Alwood
Steve Anderson
Jim Ferguson
Peter Gajentan
David Hamilton
Nick Hodson
Garry Justice