

Modern hymnwriters seek timeless musical style

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—By crafting contemporary hymns that bridge the gap between traditional and contemporary worship, [Keith and Kristyn Getty](#) have influenced worshippers of all ages and walks of life for more than a decade.

Hailing from Northern Ireland, the couple remained committed to writing theologically and melodically rich songs along the lines of their most well-known composition, "In Christ Alone."

Keith and Kristyn Getty

"There are two reasons we write modern hymns," Keith Getty said. "First, it's to help teach about faith in Christ. What we sing affects how we think, how we feel and ultimately how we live. So, it's important that we sing the whole scope of truth the Bible has given us. The second reason is to try to create a more timeless musical style that every generation can sing—a style that relates to the past and the future."

Kristyn Getty agreed, adding: "In the church, the purpose of singing is to express the community we have as the body of Christ. Our hope is not in ourselves; it's in Christ. We want music for the church to be able to lift us beyond our circumstances and become a plumb line for bringing all of our life experiences to the truth."

While performing concerts around the world, the Gettys hope to take listeners on a musical journey that reflects Christ's love for the nations.

"Our desire is to introduce people to the beauty of Christ in a new way and give them a chance to respond in song," he said.

"During our concerts, there's a strong gospel focus and narrative of redemption," she added. "We hope that we can help people focus on the Lord and encourage them to find rest in this restless world filled with constant challenge.

"We hope to provide people with songs that might be useful in their personal walk, as we share what living for Christ means for everyday life. Life is very busy, and it's very hard in the midst of busyness to find rest. But we must make time to really focus on the Lord and dwell in his presence daily."