

# Dave Benson – Traditional Worship Leader

## Childhood

- Born in Minneapolis, MN. He was raised in Mayer/Watertown, MN. Dave's father was a "gentleman" farmer and research Engineer at General Mills. His mother was a voice teacher at Bethel and Crown College as well as choir director at their church.
- He was involved in music throughout high school – played trombone, guitar and harmonica in addition to singing.

## Education

- 1969 - Graduated from Watertown High School
- Attended Trinity College where he received a Bachelors of Arts in Music and Secondary Education.
- Attended University of Minnesota Graduate School. During this time, he sang with the Dale Warland Singers.
- 1984 - Became Vocal Music Teacher for Watertown High School

## Family

- He met Barb in 1983; they were married in June 1988.
- Dave and Barb have two grown daughters, Emily and Elise.

## Cross of Glory

- 1984 – 1993 Served as Director of Music for Cross of Glory.
- 2000 – Returned to Cross of Glory as Traditional Worship Leader
- *Music is such a big part of worship. I like the opportunity to provide worshippers exposure to different styles of music.*

## Interests

- Loves singing, composing music and drawing
- Enjoys books – is an avid reader
- Loves to drink coffee