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Bridget's love of music originates from her first listen to the great jazz singers: Billie Holiday, Sarah Vaughn, and Ella Fitzgerald. She grew up with her mother singing the songs of Billie Holiday, Bonnie Raitt, and Barbara Streisand. Her influences vary from those jazz greats to Eric Clapton and James Taylor. Bridget loves a good melody and is evident in her songs with strong melodic lines.

While taking a voice class at San Diego State University just for fun, her teacher had commented that he would pay to hear her sing. That class in 1995 stirred up in Bridget a desire to study music. She realized that it wasn't too late to develop her gift.

It was in 1996 that she began to seriously pursue the development of her craft in music by taking private piano lessons. She began to write songs during that time and began to take guitar lessons as well as piano lessons. After a serious shoulder injury in 2002, she was unable to continue playing the guitar, but still plays piano at a weekly home fellowship.

She has either participated as a keyboardist and/or vocalist on worship teams with her mentor [Chris Falson](#), as well as with Gary Arthur of The Way, and [Chariya Bissonette](#), and Mark Perez.

Aside from being a help mate to her husband of twelve years, Mercier Willard, a pastor and head of Pardoned Prodigals, Bridget's main gifting and calling is for leading worship. She has lead worship with children, teens, and women as well as in prayer meetings, retreats, and small group Bible studies since 1996.

Bridget is also a gifted teacher and has taught children, teens, and women's Bible studies. She has organized, facilitated, taught, and lead worship for several women's retreats. She focuses her time on exhorting and encouraging believers to be active with their gifts and callings from the Lord.

She has been reaching out to the community of Anaheim for the past few years at the Friday Night Motel Outreach through song, prayer, and Bible class for children.

She is also an author and her essays and poems are posted on her site www.moreofjesus.com along with chord charts, song lyrics, mp3 samples, and song stories from her debut CD. She has also just completed a devotional journal for worship leaders titled: [On the Mountain](#).

Experience



- August 2005 - January 2006
November 11, 2005
September 24 & 25, 2005
Sunday, July 31, 2005
Saturday, June 11, 2005
6/5, 5/29, 5/15, 4/17, 4/9, and 3/13/2005
Thursday, May 5, 2005
Thursday, October 14, 2004
April 9, 2005
April 6, 2005
March 27, 2005
March 25, 2005 and April 9, 2004
February 16, 2005
Friday, October 1, 2004
Worship Leader (2002 - 2003)
Sundays 10:30 a.m.
January 5, 2003- March 23, 2003
- Keys and vocals for worship team with Mark Perez at [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#).
LIVE Worship: Bridget Willard and [Jina Faust](#) opening up for [Yelena](#) at the Angel City Coffee House, Bellflower, CA.
Worship for [North Coast Calvary Chapel](#), Carlsbad, CA featuring [Yelena](#) on Violin.
Worship for [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#). Featuring [Yelena](#) on Violin.
LIVE Worship: [Bridget Willard with Jina Faust](#), [Marissa Wood](#), the fabulous [Kiera on DJembe](#) at the [Angel City Coffee House, Bellflower, CA](#).
Worship for [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#).
Playing keys and backup vocals for Denise Muro / Thursday Night Worship for [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#).
Interview on [The Indie Edge Radio Showcase](#) - Saturday nights at 10PM on Salem Radio Networks 99.5 [KKLA](#).
Worship for MOPS Mission Viejo Tea and Testimony with special speaker Elizabeth Ortiz.
Playing piano and backup vocals for Easter Morning Worship for [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#) with [Chris Falson](#).
Good Friday Service at [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#).
Worship for [Community Bible Study](#) in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA for special testimony by Elizabeth Ortiz.
Worship for the Women's Retreat on Friday Night for [Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#) at the Calvary Chapel Conference Center in Twin Peaks, CA.
[More of Jesus Ministries](#): home fellowship, Villa Luren outreach, street outreaches, and [women's retreat](#).
Assisted in building a worship team in transition from traditional to contemporary worship service. [Stanton Lighthouse Community Church of the Nazarene](#)



Prior Experience

Pardoned Prodigals: [2004 Women's Retreat](#)

[More of Jesus Ministries](#): home fellowship, [Women's Retreat](#), Villa Luren outreach, street outreaches, and special occasions.

[Living Water Fellowship](#): Sunday Night Bible Study

Providence Bible Fellowship: Sunday Morning Service

[Newsong Calvary Chapel](#) (formerly Calvary Chapel Laguna Niguel): Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Children's Ministry, Women's Ministry, Women's Retreat (2000, 2001)

[Calvary Chapel San Juan Capistrano](#): Children's and Women's Ministry