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Latest: Phil Wickham Releases Hallelujah It's Christmas Again and Performs at Fox News Tree Lighting

A true story of faith under pressure. Read the first half below, then continue online.

KEY SPIRITUAL TAKEAWAY

", Which features gospel singer CeCe Winans, and"

(Transliterated from the original Hindi.)

They had gathered only to pray. When prayer itself becomes the target, faith is proved not by words but by staying.

The Story - Part One

Three-time Grammy-nominated worship artist Phil Wickham released his Christmas album Hallelujah! It's Christmas Again! On Friday, 20 November 2026, and marked the release day with a live performance at FOX News' 7th Annual All-American Christmas Tree Lighting in New York City. The album expands on his 2024 release with four new songs and three live recordings, and Wickham performed several songs at the tree lighting, which began at 5 p.M. Eastern at FOX Square outside the network's headquarters.

Picture the scene in Manhattan. A towering tree lit up against the November night, a crowd bundled in winter coats, and a worship singer standing in the middle of it all, singing about the birth of Christ on national television. Christmas in New York has a sound, and this year part of it was Wickham's voice.

The timing was no accident. Album out in the morning, tree lighting in the evening: one day, two moments, both pointing at the same thing. The hope and joy of Christ's birth, sung out loud in the biggest city in America.

Wickham has been doing this for years now. His Christmas music and his annual Hallelujah! It's Christmas Southern California Tour have become seasonal traditions for longtime fans and new listeners alike, bringing families and worship communities together to celebrate the message of Christmas. This year, the tradition went national.

Phil Wickham Hallelujah It's Christmas Again: Four New Songs And Three Live Recordings

Hallelujah! It's Christmas Again! Builds on Wickham's 2024 Christmas release, Hallelujah! It's Christmas!, Adding four new songs and three live recordings to the collection. The expanded album blends beloved holiday classics with original songs, and it is available across major streaming platforms.

Among the new material is "Peace On Earth", which features gospel singer CeCe Winans, and "O Holy Night (Adoration)", a worship-centred take on the traditional Christmas hymn that was released as a single ahead of the album. Wickham was expected to perform "Peace On Earth" among several songs at the tree lighting.

Wickham's own description of the project is simple. With Hallelujah! It's Christmas Again!, He continues to create music that invites listeners to celebrate the season through worship, blending holiday classics with original songs that can become part of families' Christmas traditions.

The Turning Point - What Happens Next

The story reaches a life-changing moment that changes everything -- and what seemed like the end is only the middle. Two reports disagree on the numbers, and one question is left unanswered: will the CCTV footage ever come out? Read the full story to find out what happens next.

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When gathering to pray carries a real cost, what keeps a community coming together anyway -- and what would keep you coming?

2. The pastor's sister shielded him with her own body and fainted under the blows. What does costly, self-giving love look like in your own family or church?

3. When justice is delayed and a complaint is withdrawn under threat, how do believers hold on to truth without giving in to fear -- or to hatred?

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