

The Appearing...

THE COMING OF THE VERY SON OF GOD

We all love Christmas music; the holiday season just isn't complete without the carols, the instruments, and timeless imagery they evoke. Among the oldest of these "songs of the season" is *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*, an eerie and expectant hymn whose origins go back more than a thousand years. Yet the words of this song remain ever new, drawing us into the story of a community who eagerly looked for their Messiah. This advent season, we'll revisit the ancient tales of hope and transformation that *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* shares. Join us at 8:30 and 10:30 for the remainder of 2021 for *The Appearing...* at First Reformed Church!

NOVEMBER 28

The Story of the Exile

TEXT: Psalm 137:1-6

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Piano Duets

WORSHIP SONGS:

- ✦ *Ding Dong Merrily on High*
- ✦ *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*
- ✦ *My Soul Magnifies the Lord*
- ✦ *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*
- ✦ *O Come O Come Emmanuel*
- ✦ *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

DECEMBER 5 (COMMUNION SERVICE)

The Story of the Mountain

TEXT: Galatians 3:23-4:7

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Piano Solos

WORSHIP SONGS (with Strings):

- ✦ *What a Glorious Night*
- ✦ *Jesus Messiah*
- ✦ *The First Noel*
- ✦ *Angels From the Realms of Glory*
- ✦ *What Child Is This*
- ✦ *Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

DECEMBER 12

The Story of the Shepherd-King

TEXT: Isaiah 11

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Tuba Christmas

WORSHIP SONGS (with Brass):

- ✦ *Born In Bethlehem*
- ✦ *It's Christmas* (with Kids Choir)
- ✦ *Hope of Glory* (Choir Anthem)
- ✦ *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- ✦ *My Deliverer*
- ✦ *Once In Royal David's City*

DECEMBER 19

The Story of the Nations

TEXT: Haggai 2:6-9

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Men's Quartet

WORSHIP SONGS (with Orchestra):

- ✦ *Symphony*
- ✦ *King Of Kings*
- ✦ *All Is Well*
- ✦ *Behold Our God*
- ✦ *Joy To the World*
- ✦ *Angel Song Medley*

DECEMBER 24 (4PM, 6PM, 11PM)

The Story of Fire

TEXT: Matthew 2:1-12

PRESERVICE MUSIC: Piano Solos

WORSHIP SONGS:

- ✦ *In the First Light*
- ✦ *O Come O Come Emmanuel*
- ✦ *O Holy Night*
- ✦ *Silent Night*
- ✦ *Joy to the World*

DECEMBER 26

The Story of the Wise

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

WORSHIP SONGS:

- ✦ *O Come All Ye Faithful*
- ✦ *He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*
- ✦ *There Is a King*
- ✦ *He Shall Reign Forevermore*