



What comes to your mind when you think of Christmas? The airwaves are filled with nonstop sleigh-bell-accompanied music that transcends generational divides and connects us all. As much as we enjoy the songs, the music that truly connects us are the great carols of Christmas that communicate why Jesus came and what difference Christmas makes.

Join us as we focus on the message

November 25 - "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

For generations the people looked forward with hope to the coming of the Messiah who would save and deliver them from persecution. When an Angel came from God to speak with Joseph he said: *"Mary will have a son and you are to name Him 'Jesus,' for He will save His people from their sins. She will give birth to a son and they will call Him 'Emmanuel,' which means 'God is with us.'"* This Carol assures us that no matter the adversity, God comes to ancient and present time to bring the power of deliverance to every area of life.

December 2 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

The apostle Paul wrote: *"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone. A new life has begun."* Jesus' birth is the culmination of God's plan from the beginning of time, to give us the opportunity to receive new life and live differently. Life is no longer measured by what we do to earn God's favor, but by what Jesus has already done. Having received the Messiah, the people of God are to live faithfully, with triumph, peace, and joy.

December 9 - Choir – The Songs of Christmas

The prophets spoke of a time when *"the people who walk in darkness will see a great light, and on them God's light will shine."* Jesus told the disciples, *"I am the Light of the world, whoever follow me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."* The people of God hope for a time when God will reconcile all things. When that day arrives it is cause for worship, song, and praise.

December 16 - "Away in the Manger"

An Angel told the shepherds: *"I bring you good news of great joy to all the people. The Savior, the Messiah, the Lord has been born today in Bethlehem."* The word "Lord" means supreme in authority, the one who is fully in charge. When we think of the arrival of a king, the image of power, authority, and grandiosity come to mind. But that is not the way our Lord came at Christmas. Mary understands what Lordship is all about as she gently lays her child in a manger.

December 23 - "Joy to the World"

Even before his arrival, the anticipation of Messiah unleashed joy. The angels told the shepherds, *"Behold, I bring you news of great joy that will be for all the people."* The curse upon humanity and creation is lifted and life as God intended can now be enjoyed!

Christmas Eve - Silent Night, Holy Night

Jesus came to reveal God's identity and communicate God's message to humanity. A disciple named John wrote: *"No one has ever seen God, but in his Son we have seen the Father's heart."* That heart reveals that God loves us and will go to any extreme to save and deliver us, so that we might know God and have a connection to our Creator. This night is holy, because God comes near to show us God's heart, and the weary world rejoices with celebration and hope. O Holy Night.

December 30 Keeping Christmas - We Three Kings

The magi brought gifts to the new King. What are the gifts we have to offer our Messiah, Lord, and King? What have you offered the Lord and King of the Universe from your own life?

January 6 Keeping Christmas - Once in David's Royal City

The Baby Jesus is presented for dedication to Simeon, who tells Mary & Joseph what the future holds. It is not like your normal baby dedication service and sets Mary & Joseph on their toes.