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## An Old World Made New

Sundays, 9:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room,  
unless otherwise noted

We've known the stories for as long as we can remember and sung the carols year after year. While there is comfort in the familiar, sometimes the comfort slides into commonplace, an overfamiliarity that dulls us to the beauty of the music and the world-changing story in scripture. This Advent come learn new insights about this timeless story, sing familiar carols with fresh appreciation, and encounter the holiness of the season.

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### The Politics of the Incarnation

Shane Berg

Join us for an exploration of the political themes woven in Luke's story of the birth of Jesus. We'll discuss how the Gospel writer boldly asserts the relevance of Jesus' birth within the Roman Empire, and what this narrative means for our own attempt to live faithfully in a complex world.

*Shane Berg* is Vice President of Communication and External Relations at Princeton Theological Seminary, where he earned his M. Div. degree. Dr. Berg, who also holds a Ph.D. in New Testament and Ancient Christianity from Yale University, is a scholar and teacher with particular expertise in the role of the New Testament in ancient Jewish thought and culture.



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### Sing We All Noël

Noel Werner

12:15 PM, ASSEMBLY ROOM  
*Princeton offers free metered parking on the Sundays in December!*

Come to our All-Church Lunch and Christmas Carol Sing, 12:15–1:15 PM, in the Assembly

Room. Suggested donation: \$8/ adult (\$25 max/ family). Good food, good company – a joyful start to the season.

*Noel Werner* has been the Director of Music at Nassau Presbyterian Church since 2006. He lectures on occasion at Westminster Choir College and Princeton Theological Seminary, and spearheads many cooperative music endeavors in the community, in addition to directing Nassau's adult choir, coordinating Nassau's extensive music program, and staffing the worship and Music Committee.



Dec 8

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Joyce Irwin

So many Advent themes, so few Sundays in Advent! This Sunday, join us as we discuss timeless Advent hymns. Come to learn not only about the variety of thematic material in the poetry but also the stylistic variety of music from different historical eras.



*Joyce Irwin* is an Independent Scholar with the Princeton Research Forum. She holds a Ph.D. in History of Christianity from Yale University and has published books and articles on the theology of music in German Lutheranism from the Reformation to the Enlightenment. Additional research includes women in religion with a focus on Anna Maria van Schurman, a 17th-century Dutch woman remarkable for her time. As a church musician, Joyce has served as organist and choir director in churches in central New York and the Princeton area.

### In-depth Bible Study with George Hunsinger

# Colossians

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. (Dec 8 & 15)  
Maclean House (Garden Entrance)

*George Hunsinger* is Professor of Systematic Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the founder of the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

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Dec 15

## The Story of the Other Wise Man

Maria LoBiondo

First read as a holiday sermon, Presbyterian minister Henry Van Dyke's parable imagining a fourth Magi's lifelong search for the King of Kings remains one of his



most popular works. Storyteller Maria LoBiondo will share her version of "The Other Wise Man," as well as a brief history of the author, who was educated at Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary and called Princeton home.

*Maria LoBiondo* believes that a story is a heart-to-heart gift shared between teller and listener. She began practicing the oral tradition of storytelling when expecting her second child; her daughter is now 25 years old. In that time, she has shared stories at Princeton's Littlebrook School and the Princeton Montessori School, and at the New Jersey Storytelling Festival, among other venues. She is the editorial coordinator for Princeton University's Office of Advancement Communications, and a former reporter and editor for *The Princeton Packet*.

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## The Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke

Dale Allison

The infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke are very, very different, and they have no parallels elsewhere in the New Testament. Why is this the case? What is distinctive of each narrative? How much history might lie



behind them—behind the visit of the magi, the star of Bethlehem, the virgin birth, and so on? And how might we go about interpreting the infancy narratives for ourselves today?

*Dale Allison* is the Richard J. Dearborn Professor of New Testament at Princeton Seminary. He is the author of many books on a variety of subjects, including Jesus and the gospels.