



The Sounds of the Season: Finding Christ in Our Holiday Music

with Dr. Junius Johnson

Webinar Show Notes

Agenda

- ❖ **Synopsis:** December is the only month we live to a soundtrack. At home, in our cars, and in stores, it is as if everyone has agreed to listen to the same playlist on repeat. In this talk, Dr. Junius Johnson will show us how to turn these beloved songs, even the most secular, into occasions for reflection on the mystery of the nativity and restore a sense of scholē to our preparations for Christmas.
- ❖ **Guest Announcements (10 mins):**
 - CU Books: *On Teaching Fairy Stories*
 - [eBook](#)
 - [Print](#)
 - CU courses:
 - [Teaching Fairy Stories](#)
 - [Theology of Beauty and the Imagination](#)
 - [Great Books with Master Teachers](#)
 - Websites:
 - www.juniusjohnson.com: scholar. author. teacher. speaker. musician



- [Junius Johnson Academics](#): explore all courses
 - Podcasts: [The Classical Mind](#)
 - Advent Devotional: [The Arrival of Christ](#)
 - Brass: [Sounds of the Season](#)
- ❖ **Presentation: The Devotional in 3 Movements (30-35 mins)**
 - History
 - Demonstration
 - Reflection
- ❖ **Audience Q & A to follow (15-20 mins)**

Outline

- I. Incarnation of the devotional: how it came to be
- II. Purpose of the devotional: to marry theological reflection with song in a context where you have the occasion to reflect upon it
- III. Demonstration: read song lyrics, hear theological reflection, listen to the soundtrack and reflect on what you've just heard

Q & A

Some questions that were answered in the webinar

- How long are each of the daily reflections in the Arrival of Christ - An Advent Devotional?
- How can families keep the church calendar and traditions amongst the pressures of work and school?
- How do we bring Christmas into the rest of the year?
- How can I listen to traditional Christmas music and reclaim it for the reason for the season?



Encore Resources

I. Where you can find Junius:

A. Websites:

1. [Junius Johnson Academics](#)
2. www.juniusjohnson.com/

B. [Schedule a meeting here](#)

II. Webinar Resources

A. Junius's Resources

1. Books
 - a) [Find his titles here](#)
2. Devotional Course
 - a) [The Arrival of Christ](#)
3. Brass Showcase
 - a) [Sounds of the Season](#)
4. Articles & Essays
 - a) [Read more articles and reviews here](#)
 - b) [Scholé Communities blog](#)
5. Podcast & Radio Interviews
 - a) [ClassicalU podcast Episode 4](#)
 - b) [The Classical Mind](#) podcast
 - c) [The Consortium Podcast Episode 40](#)
 - d) [Classical Riffs](#)

B. Recommended Reading:

1. [Waiting on the Word](#) by Malcolm Guite
2. [Wild Bells: A Literary Advent](#) by Missy Andrews
3. [The Inklings at Christmastide](#) by William Murdock
4. [Journey Through Advent](#) by Carol Reynolds
5. [Hallelujah: Cultivating Advent Traditions with Handel's Messiah](#) by Cindy Rollins
6. [Saint Nicholas the Giftgiver](#) by Ned Bustard
7. [The Annotated Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens, Michael Hearn (Editor) & John Leech (Illustrator)
8. [The Jesse Tree](#) by Geraldine McCaughrean



9. [Grandpa's Box](#) by Starr Meade

C. Related Resources:

1. [A Scholé Guide to Advent](#)
2. [Handel's Messiah](#) full performance by New St. Andrews Choir
3. [Messiah libretto](#)
4. [Messiah full musical score](#)
5. [Messiah complete vocal](#) score on openlibrary.org
6. [Handel: Messiah](#) by Academy & Chorus of St. Martin in the Fields, Sir Neville Marriner
7. [A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols](#) at King's College Cambridge
8. [Advent Wreath Tutorial](#)
9. [Great 'O' Antiphons Prayer Companion](#) by Jennifer Gregory Miller
10. [Antiphon Coloring Sheets](#)
11. [Gregorian Chant of the O Antiphons](#) sung by Scott Turkington
12. [The Man Who Invented Christmas](#) - a movie
13. [Professor Carol's Advent Calendar](#) (2023 coming soon)
14. [Colorado Ballet Company's Live Stream Performances](#) (Nutcracker & More)
15. [Nutcracker video course](#) by SQUILT
16. [Christmas Extravaganza Video Art Lessons](#) at chalkpastel.com
17. [Charlie Brown Christmas](#) homeschool art and music activities at chalkpastel.com