

## Seminar Available

### Mary Baker Eddy, Artist of Light — an exploration of *Christ and Christmas* for students of Christian Science

2 ½-3 hour in-person or online presentation with PowerPoint visuals, reproductions of original art, discussion, questions and answers, with an intermission or in 2 separate sessions

In 1893, Mrs. Eddy was preparing to lay the corner stone of the Mother Church. Before it could be established in stone, the spiritual source of Christian Science had to be confirmed and founded in thought. She needed recognition of her true spiritual identity. The illustrated poem, *Christ and Christmas*, was designed to ask the profound question, “Do you know who I am?”

She wrote to Edward A. Kimball, "For the world to understand me in my true light, and life, would do more for our Cause than aught else could." And to Carol

Norton, she wrote: “*Christ and Christmas* was an inspiration from beginning to end. The power of God and the wisdom of God was even more manifest in it and guided me more perceptibly, as those of my household can attest, than when I wrote *Science and Health*.”



**Fee:** Transportation and housing as required; gratitude offering

**About the speaker:** George Denninger is a lifelong, class taught Christian Scientist, and member of The Mother Church. Before embarking on his professional art career, he chose to first pursue the deeper meaning of Mary Baker Eddy’s book, *Christ and Christmas* in order to understand the spiritual cause that underlies true art. He sought out every document he could find and studied details of the artwork. Viewing the original art archived at the Mary Baker Eddy Library was particularly helpful in revealing details that are not apparent in some book illustrations. Mr. Denninger has given many presentations of *Christ and Christmas* in Christian Science churches, care facilities, retirement communities, Christian Science youth camps, Principia College, and online; and has received many accolades for his insightful research. His presentation at The Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association was attended by the manager of the Board of Lectureship.

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