

**Music Box**

JANUARY 8, 2017

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, keyboards**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR EPIPHANY*

- Pastoral Symphony from *Messiah* ..... G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
- Puet Natus* in Bethlehem .... traditional 14<sup>th</sup> C. carol; arr. Lani Smith
- The Shepherds Bid Farewell to the Holy Family  
from *L'Enfance du Christ* ..... Hector Berlioz (1803-1869)
- Kings of Orient ..... John H. Hopkins; arr. J. T. Matthews
- Noël Nouvelet ..... traditional French carol; arr. Robert Lind
  
- Interlude from *A Ceremony of Carols* ..... Benjamin Britten  
(1913-1976)
  
- March of the Three Kings ..... Provençal, 13<sup>th</sup> C. carol

Okay, so the Three Wise Men were a few days late. That doesn't mean that their intentions were other than exemplary, but neither does it fail to excite in my mind the possibility of a navigation problem. They were three guys on camels. Camels do pretty much what they're told, and that does not include making suggestions about stopping to ask directions, and I notice none of these guys brought their wives along. Not that this is connected in any way with the provisional conclusion that if they had they would have arrived on time, (and the accommodations en route would have been more comfortable, you may be sure), with their turbans on straight.

And as for using camels versus some other transport that smelled better and didn't make you motion sick, well, that would have been settled in the pre-departure negotiations, when sensible alternatives would certainly have been placed on the table. But no, they were after all Three Wise Men, and who am I.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, January 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

One of the blessings of being your pastor is that you share your own struggles and questions of faith. As we enter the season of Epiphany, it's a good moment to think about the obstacles we face in the life of faith and following Jesus. During Epiphany, we'll tackle these questions, with a sermon series, "Finding Your Way to God."

If you have a friend, family member or neighbor who struggles with religion, consider inviting him or her to join you for any of these Sundays. Here are the "Ways to God" we'll consider...

January 8: The Way of Science  
January 15: The Way of Humility  
January 22: The Way of the Future  
January 29: The Way of Integrity

This week, January 8, we are in the afterglow of Christmas. But, for many, Christmas also raises questions of belief. Are these nativity stories true—the angels, the virgin birth, the claim that God became incarnate? These questions arise because we live in a scientific world. But science can also show us a way to faith, if we listen carefully to scientists themselves!

We'll do that this week, beginning by listening to those ancient scientists of Matthew 2, the Magi Astronomers who follow the star to Bethlehem!



The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** This coming Sunday afternoon, **January 8, 2017**—weather permitting—we will be meeting at the beach for the annual ***Burning of the Greens at 4:30 pm***. This is when we bring our Christmas trees, wreaths, and garlands for the bonfire. A brief service celebrating the season of Epiphany with hot mulled cider will be held at that time—come and enjoy the festivities at what is now called **#11 Seal Rock Picnic Area,** but it is the same location where we always meet (near Bird Rock and Fanshell Beach). A great event for newcomers! Please check our website: **www.churchintheforest.org** on Sunday afternoon to confirm that "It's on" if the weather is iffy.

For those who requested pledge envelopes, they may be picked up at the back of the Church. If you don't find yours or if you would like envelopes, please email [citf@mbay.net](mailto:citf@mbay.net) or call **Sherry** at the office at the 624-1374. New envelopes must be requested **EACH** year, as new numbers are assigned annually.

In 2017, resolve to become a deeper part of our community by joining one of our teams of lay readers, ushers and altar care. And we always need sponsors (or bakers) for coffee hour refreshments, and sponsors for altar flowers. Email or call our office and we'll answer your questions and help you get going.

## Calendar

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 8, 2017—First Sunday after the Epiphany</b>
	<b>The Baptism of our Lord</b>
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske Topic: Matthew 2: 1–12
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Chapel Concertino</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Holy Baptism</b>
<b>Passages</b>	Isaiah 60: 1–6 ; Psalm 70 ; Matthew 2: 1–12
	<b>Lector</b> Dennis Riley
	<b>Crucifer</b> Judy Fletcher
	<b>Flowers</b> ?
	<b>Cookies</b> Arlen and Cindy Lackey
	<b>Ushers</b> Bob & Leslie Mulford
	<b>Altar Care</b> Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.
<b>Title</b>	"Finding Your Way to God: A Sermon Series for Epiphany" Sunday's Sermon: "The Way of Science"
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 8, 2017, 4:30 pm</b> , the <i>Burning of the Greens</i>