

Music Box

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Stevenson School String Quartet

Elyse Adams, violin 1 Kathy Jung, violin 2
George Leung, viola Christy Lu, cello

CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR ADVENT II

Melinda Coffey Armstead, organ

Obsidian Thomas Sharp
Rondo T. Sharp
Pat-a-pan traditional French carol, arr. Nicholas Dorff

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella traditional French carol
arr. N. Dorff

Canon in D Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Joy to the World George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

It's our pleasure to welcome four outstanding students from Stevenson School to help us celebrate the second Sunday in Advent. They are all participants in the instrumental music program led by Adam Petrocelli (soloist at CitF on November 13).

Please give them your warmest welcome!



Advent III Katherine Edison and Elise Roberts, sopranos

Advent IV Orazio Aiello, tenor

Christmas Eve Katherine Edison, soprano, Karen Neal, mezzo-soprano, Aidan Neal, tenor, Robert Armstead, bass-baritone, Julia Jakkel, violin, Brian Neal, trumpet

Christmas Day Wildcoast Brass Quartet

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, November 28, 2016

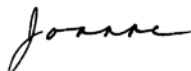
Dear Friends and Members of Church in the Forest,

I used to be a planner of perfect holidays and meals. One December I decided that my little ones would not stand in line for hours at the mall, waiting to sit on Santa's lap. No, Perfect Planning would Prevail! I called the mall and determined the very latest time that Santa would be on his throne. Surely no little children would be at the mall at 8 PM? Then I planned where we would park, and what food court restaurant would provide our dinner.

Of course, it all went wrong. Santa went on his own dinner break at 8 and, by the time we got back from ours, Santa had left for the night. Then, as I pushed the stroller out of the mall, fumbling for my key, I realized—NO KEY! I had locked it in the car. Two hours later, after waiting for AAA in a dark and cold parking ramp with two toddlers, we were home, kids tucked in bed.

I laid on the floor, next to the glow of the Christmas tree, and let loose a primal scream.

This week's Gospel lesson is about Mary's plans going awry. Her Plan A to marry Joseph and lead a quiet life is upended by God's Plan. Has your Plan A been set aside by the unexpected? Join us this Sunday to learn from Mary about how to say, "yes" to God's Plan.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Our congregation includes many who serve the poor, contributing and providing leadership to local organizations. Two have our attention during Advent: The *Salvation Army Monterey Peninsula* (**Judy Stahduhar, 831/905-2902** needing bell ringers) and the *Victory Mission of Salinas* (**Marge Moore, 831/633-5393** collecting clothes for the homeless). Find out more about how get involved, by calling or visiting with **Judy** and **Marge** at fellowship time.

Friday, December 2, our own **Solmaaz Adeli** sings at the Tree Lighting ceremony in Carmel.

You are invited to join the joy! The congregation's Christmas Tree is scheduled to be decorated on **Wednesday, December 7, at 2:00 PM**. Come one and come all—there could be snacks in your future, too! Be a part of our community spirit! Please sign up on the bulletin board for ways to serve and share. The *2017 Flower Rota* is up and there can be TWO sponsors for any given date.

Important Notes for your Calendar: This year we will have two identical Christmas Eve services at NEW times: **5:00 and 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve, Christmas Concerto 1/2 hour earlier**. There will be the usual **9:30 AM service on Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, Chapel Concertino at 9:15 AM**.

Calendar

Sunday December 4, 2016—Advent II

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske
Topic: Luke 1: 26–35

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino

9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages II Samuel 7: 1–13; Psalm 89: 1–7; Luke 1: 26–35

Lector Dick Crowell **Crucifer** Skip Lord

Flowers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Cookies Leslie Buck

Ushers Tonneke and Wim Van der Linden

Altar Care Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher

Prayers of the People Mia Jarick

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

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

Title "Plan A, Plan B, Plan G"

Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 2 pm – Decorate the Congregation's tree!