

Music Box

— ADVENT III — DECEMBER 11, 2011 —

Erasmus Aiello, tenor
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ

- Adeste Fideles.....unknown 18th C; arr. by David Willcocks
Ave Maria..... Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Mille Cherubini in Coro..... F. Schubert
The Lord's Prayer Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)
- Gesù Bambino.....Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)
- AllegroDomenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

We are indeed blessed to have Orazio Aiello perform these beautiful Italian Christmas songs for us today. He is a local musical treasure, as you well know, and he also makes the best Panettone around. Here is the English translation of the Italian lyrics of Gesù Bambino:

When blossoms flower e'er 'mid the snow upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose the King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang the grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night,
That gave the world its Christmas Rose its King of Love and Light.
Let every voice acclaim His name the grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell.
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 5, 2011

Dear members and friends,

Gabriel's Journey

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will call his name Jesus." —Luke 1:30-31

When God has something important to announce, God sends an angel (the Greek word for "angel" literally means "messenger"). There was no message more important than the one that Gabriel brought to a young woman by the name of Mary in the Galilean hamlet of Nazareth.

When the angel appeared to Mary, she was startled, frightened, worried, and full of questions. But then the great archangel spoke, assuring Mary this was not some wild goose chase or elaborate hoax, but rather that his every word was totally true. God had something great in mind for her—she was to be the mother of the Son of the most high—God's own Son!

Great Gabriel did not have to wait long for her reply. "Yes, yes, yes, by all means," Mary answered, "I am God's servant."

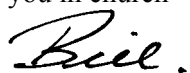
Three questions for us to think about:

- What message does God have for you this Advent?
- What will it take to fulfill it?
- How can you be an angel (messenger) to someone else?

Prayer: for the week:

Thanks and praise to you, Lord God, for Jesus, Mary's Son, our brother, friend, Savior, and guide through life. Amen.

See you in church


William B. Rolland

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Advent/Christmas Music at Church in the Forest

Advent IV	December 18	Carmen Martin, mezzo-soprano
Christmas Eve	December 24	Wildcoast Brass and vocalists
Christmas Day	December 25	Melinda Coffey Armstead

Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve at 7 or 9:30 PM (with the music prelude one half hour earlier)

On **Christmas Day** (Sunday) the service will take place at the usual 9:30 AM and **Bill Rolland** will be in the pulpit.

Calendar

Sunday, December 11 2011 — Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker. This week's topic: James 5: 7 – 9; Waiting for the coming of the Lord; The coming of the King

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Isaiah 61: 1, 3-4, 10 and 11; Psalm 30: 1-5, 11&12; Luke 1: 46-55

Lector Student

Crucifer Judy Fletcher

Flowers Dick Crowell and Sheila Dixon

Cookies Peppy Garner and ?

Altar Care Kathryn Lawrence Hicks

Ushers Students

Sermon the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title Joy under any circumstances

Saturday, December 10, at 10 am. Dressing of the church.

This is a fun gathering and we need some good help!

Wednesday, December 28, 2:00 pm, Memorial Service for Annah Rolland and Mia McKee's mother, Trannie Lee.