

Music Box

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Laura Anderson, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR THANKSGIVING

- Nellie Bly Stephen Foster (1826-1864)
- Hard Times S. Foster
- Blue Mountain Ballads ... texts by Tennessee Williams (1911-1983)
music by Paul Bowles (1910-1999)
- Heavenly Grass
- Lonesome Man
- Cabin
- Sugar in the Cane

- Prayer of Thanksgiving old Dutch melody
arr. by Kenneth Downing

- Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
from Cantata No. 79, arr. by Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

THANKSGIVING INSIGHT

I grew up in Omaha, and now I live in Carmel.
 Nevertheless I'm thankful, and I'll tell you why.
 Back there you have reasons to be truly thankful:
 For air conditioning on a miserable, hot, humid day.
 For when you make it safely home, dodging tornadoes,
 Or through the blizzard and slush and ice,
 And the terrifying, complete-circle skid in your car.
 Yet I'm at least as thankful as they are back there,
 For having the generosity not to envy them.
 That, and a sense of irony.

—RLA

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, November 14, 2016

Dear Friends and Members of Church in the Forest,

As we move into a season of Holiday gatherings, God may provide opportunities for you to share your faith—not to mention get into heated disputes about ridiculous theology, irrelevant churches, unsingable hymns and boring preachers!

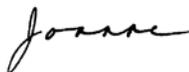
I am glad I won't have to be there for some of these "conversations"! But trust me, I'll have some of my own.

St. Anselm provided a safe, sweet way of navigating such topics: "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words!"

Sometimes words are necessary, however. In the next two Sunday's we'll consider some fundamental ideas about Jesus Christ. I'm calling these sermons, "Jesus 101" and "Jesus 102." They may give you some words or even a sentence that helps you convey what Jesus means to your skeptical brother or inquiring aunt.

And if you, yourself, are skeptical or inquiring, I hope these sermons give you some steps forward on solid rational ground. It is often said that belief comes through "The Leap of Faith." But my mentor, Gordon Kaufman, once wrote of "Small Steps of Faith," a conscious path of reflection and decision, driven by a desire to live fully, abundantly, generously. That's what we'll do.

It is my prayer that these can also be Advent steps. As we take our own small steps of faith, we'll prepare ourselves to move into the beauty, mystery and transformation promised by Christmas.



The Rev. Joanne Swenson, Th.D

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meet your neighbors and help the Salvation Army as a bell ringer at the Pebble Beach Post Office! Please contact **Judy Stayduhar at 905-2902**, or sign up during Fellowship Time!

Our Ministers and Lay Leaders ask you to pray about your Stewardship Pledge for 2017, and then bring your completed *Stewardship Pledge Card* this Sunday, when they will be collected. Can't attend? Please mail it to the church. Thank you! If you would like 2017 pledge envelopes, please let **Sherry** know

We need you! 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! We also need **YOU** for some lay help. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you might be able to help. The *2017 Flower Rota* is up!

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**.

Due to copyright matters, we've had to cancel publication of a second volume of **Charles Anker's** prayers. We are grateful to our dedicated team of editors, artist **Sandy Robinson**, and **Charles**. Their collaboration was marked by love, creativity and commitment!

Calendar

Sunday	November 20, 2016—Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost
	Christ the King — Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday
8:30 AM	Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Rev. Ken Feske Topic: Colossians 1: 11–20
9:15 AM	Chapel Concertino
9:30 AM	Morning Prayer
Passages	Deuteronomy 30: 9–14; Psalm 36: 5–10; Colossians 1: 11–20
	Lector Bob Perry Crucifer Cynthia Perry
	Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper Cookies Paula Beckman
	Ushers Lloyd Nattkemper and ?
	Altar Care Martha Jordan & Sandy Rice
Sermon	The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.
Title	"Jesus 101"
Sunday	November 27, 2016 — First Sunday of Advent