

**Music Box**

DECEMBER 18, 2016

**Erasmo Aiello, tenor**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR ADVENT IV*

- O Holy Night.....Adolphe Adam (1803-1856)
- Ave Maria.....Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
- Mille Cherubini in Coro.....F. Schubert
- The Lord's Prayer .....Albert Hay Malotte (1895-1964)
  
- Gesù Bambino.....Pietro Yon (1886-1943)
  
- Allegro ..... Domenico Zipoli (1688-1726)

We are indeed blessed to have Erasmo "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 flowered '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 12, 2016

Dear Friends and Members of Church in the Forest,

Christmas is the season of Mother and Child. Joseph tends to disappear.

Are theologians acting as stage managers, pushing that earthly father Joseph to the wings, in order to let God the Father play the starring role?

But that's a bad call, because Joseph exemplifies what one scholar has called the very essence of the Gospel—Law and Grace. Joseph is a righteous man who follows the law, but he knows when to move past it in grace and compassion. When he discovers that Mary is pregnant, he shields her from public shame and takes Jesus as his own son.

Maybe that's the key to Fatherhood: keeping boundaries and knowing when to breach them. Knowing when to say, "no," and when to say, "yes." And, as our children mature, when to say, "I am struggling with this."

This Sunday we'll learn from Joseph about fathering and mentoring. So move your Joseph figurine to the center of your Christmas Creche, because Joseph deserves a starring role! So do all good fathers.



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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEW SERVICE TIMES: Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 7:30 PM on Saturday, December 24, Christmas Concerto 1/2 hour earlier at 4:30 & 7:00 PM. Sunday, Christmas Day, is a festive worship service at 9:30 AM, with Chapel Concertino's glorious Christmas music at 9:15 AM.**

Might you be able to help? CitF is in need of lay volunteers to help staff the many services at this time of year. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call **Sherry** at the church office.

Please let the office know if you wish to donate a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas. The deadline is **Sunday, December 18.**

This will also be the last Sunday to donate clothing to the *Victory Mission of Salinas*. Questions: Call **Marge Moore, 831-633-5393**, or bring your items to church.

## Calendar

**Sunday December 18, 2016—Advent IV**  
**8:30 AM** *No Bible Study until January 8, 2017*  
**9:15 AM** **Chapel Concertino**  
**9:30 AM** **Morning Prayer**  
**Passages** Romans 1: 1–7; Psalm 68: 4–6; Matthew 1:18–25  
**Lector** Robert Perry  
**Crucifer** Cynthia Perry  
**Flowers** Dick & Sheila Crowell  
**Cookies** Leslie Mulford & Helen Breck  
*No Fellowship Hour on December 25 or January 1.*  
*Cookies will resume January 8, 2017*  
**Ushers** Arlen and Cindy Lackey  
**Altar Care** Shirley Temple and Andrea Thatcher  
**Sermon** The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.  
**Title** "Everyone Needs Two Fathers"  
**Saturday, December 24, 2016 — Christmas Eve Service 5 and 7:30 PM,**  
The Rev. Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D., preaching.  
*Chapel Concerto 1/2 hour earlier at 4:30 and 7:00 pm*  
**Sunday, December 25, 2016, Christmas Day Service at 9:30 AM,**  
The Rev. Ken Feske preaching  
*Chapel Concertino 1/4 hour earlier at 9:15 AM*  
**Sunday, January 1, 2017 — First Sunday of Christmas, Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, January 8, 2017 — Second Sunday of Christmas, Morning Prayer**  
That same afternoon at **4:30 PM**, the traditional *Burning of the Greens* will take place, *weather permitting*. Hot mulled cider and a little praise/prayer liturgy will mark the end of the *Twelve Days of Christmas*. Bring your Christmas tree, wreaths, and garlands to the beach and bundle up!  
*The office will be closed after Christmas (so no newsletter that week!) and will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2017. If you need to be in touch with a minister, please feel free to call Ken Feske at (831) 229-7160.*