

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, February 12, 2018

Dear Friends,

This week we'll begin our Lent Sermon Series, "A Skeptic's Guide to God." I regard our fellow skeptics as honest friends with important questions. And we have the perfect guide to explore these questions: The Gospel of John.

This week we begin with a simple phrase used in John: "The Lamb of God." A good skeptic will ask, "What does that mean? Where did it come from? And is it at all relevant to my life?"

As we begin to understand "The Lamb of God," we'll also understand one of the skeptic's primary questions: "How do you read the Bible?"

If these are your questions, then this series and this Gospel are for you!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Small Groups are gatherings where CitF members and friends can explore faith and deepen fellowship.

- The *Small Group Bible Study* is held each **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the bible passage of the day.
- *The Men's Small Group* gathers **February 15, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of Romans.
- The new *Women's Small Group*, "*Sisters in the Forest*," will meet on **February 22, 12 noon–1:15, PM**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Rd., Pebble Beach (brown-bags welcome).
- *The Small Group Study* led by the **Reverend Ken Feske** meets **Tuesday, February 20, 10:15–11:30 AM** at Ruth Gleisner's. Topic: "Handling Skepticism" John 6:41–57.
- A *Women's Bible Study Small Group* will begin **March 1, on alternate Thursdays, 10:30 AM–12 noon**, at the *Beach and Tennis Club*. We'll start with, "[Women of the Old Testament](#)," by Gladys Hunt (LifeGuide Bible Studies), a study of women facing hard choices and challenges. Please purchase your copy at your favorite bookseller (available at [Amazon](#)). Questions? Please contact Pastor Joanne.

An afternoon of music, champagne, food and fun! Proceeds will go to our church's hospitality and holiday decor projects! Join Janet McDaniel, our generous host, at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Wharf # 2, on Sunday, March 18, 3:00 –5:00 pm. Featuring mezzo-soprano Solmaaz Adeli and Jon Mark, piano/vocals. Donation \$40 per person. Sign up at church or contact Steve Bellavance at stevenbellavance@gmail.com or 603-398-6956

Calendar

Sunday February 18, 2018 — First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: John 1: 29–37

9:15 AM **Chapel Concertino**

9:30 AM **Morning Prayer**

Passages Exodus 12: 21–28; Psalm 40 (Selected verses); John 1: 29–37

Lector Bob Mulford

Crucifer Marilyn Gorman

Cookies Gus Diaz and Steve Bellavance

Flowers Linda Mackie

Ushers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice

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

Title "A Skeptic's Guide to God: A Sermon Series for Lent"
This Sunday: "How do you read the Bible?"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018—Shrove Tuesday party, 5:30 pm.

Wednesday, February 14, 2018—Ash Wednesday Service 6:00 pm

Friday, February 16, 2018, Jonathan Dimmock, renowned organist, performs at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, **Friday, February 16, 2018**. He will perform Bach's Clavierübung III, and Appalachian Triptych by David Hegarty. The concert begins at **6 pm**. Guests are invited to arrive earlier, at **5 pm**, for wine and cheese and to meet the artist. Admission is \$20.

Sunday, February 18, 2018—following Worship: Please attend our important, but brief, annual meeting on our church budget.

SAVE THE DATE! March 18 — A special evening at the Monterey Peninsula Yacht Club, Featuring **Solmaaz Adeli** and **John Mack** to benefit Church in the Forest's Fellowship Gatherings.

Music Box

FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Laura Anderson, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

Love in Many Languages

Solitary Hotel.....Samuel Barber (1910-1981)
Love Theme from Cinema Paradiso Ennio Morricone (b. 1928)
A ChlorisReynaldo Hahn (1874-1947)
In the Silence of the Secret Night..... Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)
Widmung (Dedication)Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

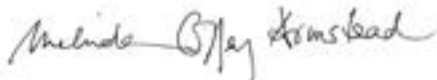
The King of Love My Shepherd Isancient Irish melody
arr. by Dan Forrest

The Glory of Love (1936)..... Billy Hill (1899-1940)

CONTEST OF WILLS

It's a pretty good idea, the Day of Valentines.
Although it was last week, it does have staying power,
And stands above bare commerce; though still it intertwines.
Some candy, say, or if I'm poor, a fragrant flower,
Placed in her lovely hands from me to her aligns
My interest, hers, and merchant's. All empowered.
But of these moving parts, just two have the designs
That love requires. The merchant comes in third; he's underpowered.

—RLA



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