

# Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, March 5, 2018

Dear Friends,

Thinking about our Lenten sermon series, “A Skeptics Guide to God,” I came upon a most unanticipated book: *An Atheist In Heaven: The Ultimate Experience For Life After Death* by Paul Davids.

The book details unexplained phenomena that challenge scientifically-minded skeptics. In particular, it examines the case of Forrest J. Ackerman (1916-2008), a famous futurist and atheist who did not believe in life after death. He promised friends, however, that were he wrong, he would try to drop them a line. For over six years data has accumulated that Mr. Ackerman continues to communicate, with over 100 incidents, studied at two universities. This has left top science professors in fields from chemistry to psychology completely baffled, and in some cases, troubled by unexplainable incidents they themselves have experienced.

You may not have time to read 513 pages before Sunday, but as one theologian said when asked to prove faith: “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” This Sunday we’ll look at the most beloved verse of the New Testament, John 3:16. And remember: “For those who believe, no explanation is necessary; for those who do not believe, no explanation is possible.”

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Ken Feske

(P.S. Don’t forget to set your clocks forward. You don’t want to be late!)

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

## Calendar

**Sunday March 11, 2018 — Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**“Spring Forward” — Daylight Saving Time begins**

**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: John 3: 14–21

**9:15 AM Chapel Concertino**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Numbers 21: 4–9; Psalm 107: 1–3, 17–22; John 3: 14–21

**Lector** Bob Janzen

**Crucifer** Leslie Mulford

**Cookies** Victoria Carns

**Flowers** Judy Fletcher and the family

**Ushers** Sandy and Bob Rice

**Altar Care** Martha Jordan, Linda Mackie, and Sandy Rice

**Sermon** The Reverend Ken Feske

**Title** “A Skeptic’s Guide to God: A Sermon Series for Lent”

This Sunday: “It’s really about believing?”

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Friday, March 9, 11 AM**, Pastor Joanne leads a study of the gospels’ resurrection stories, Carmel Valley Manor. All CitF members and friends are welcome. Contact: [joanne@churchintheforest.org](mailto:joanne@churchintheforest.org)

**Sunday, March 25, 1:00 PM, Celebration of Life for Lawrence Wilsey**

**Easter Sunday, April 1**, one service with festive concertino beginning **9 AM**; worship **9:30 AM**.

**SAVE THE DATE: April 22** is our next New Members’ Sunday. Join our mission to be a “Light in the Forest”! Contact: [joanne@churchintheforest.org](mailto:joanne@churchintheforest.org)

**WE NEED HELP, PLEASE:** The April sign up sheets are posted and we need YOU! If you can help, please contact the church office.

## SMALL GROUPS:

*These 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 **March 8, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **March 8, 12 noon–1:15 PM**, at Linda Mackie’s, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.
- *Women’s Bible Study Small Group* gathers **March 15, 10:30 am–12 noon**, at the *Beach and Tennis Club*. Purchase book, “Women of the Old Testament” from Pastor Joanne.

**Music Box**

MARCH 11, 2018

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO*

- Prelude in D-flat major,  
Op. 28 No. 15 "Raindrop" ..... Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)
- La Cathédral engloutie  
(The Engulfed Cathedral) ..... Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
- Shall We Gather By the River? ..... Edward Broughton  
arr. by Robert Lowry
- Hornpipe from  
"Water Music" ..... George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)

My friends lived in a house that had four exterior doors. They had a beautiful gray cat, and when she wanted to go outside while it was raining, they had to show her that it was raining outside all four doors before she would go out.

**SKEPTIC**

A cat's mind is a subtle place,  
 It has a space for rain.  
 But not allowed is any trace  
 Upon itself. Complain,  
 But every door is where you'll pace,  
 Though you this task disdain.  
 She knows that one door will embrace  
 The dry thoughts in her brain.

—RLA

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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