

# Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, May 21, 2018

Dear Friends,

On Sunday we welcomed Terri McPherson to our staff as our new Church Administrator! Terri will be working closely with Sherry through Thursday, May 31, when Sherry officially moves on to her next adventure.

Terri is an answer to prayer, and more. Her most recent position was as the Executive Assistant to the Dean of Admissions at the University of Rhode Island. There, over nine years, she continually grew her skills, mastering the latest software applications on contact lists, arranging meetings, financial tracking and website development.

And she was used by the Lord at URI to listen and encourage students and parents facing the stresses of entering college. As you talk with Terri, you'll immediately sense her empathy and powers of observation. Her faith is a part of her DNA; she's Roman Catholic and has served her church as a Eucharistic Minister.

Terri also brings that military connection that we treasure. Her husband is a faculty member of the Naval War College at the Naval Postgraduate School, and she deeply knows the honor and challenges of a military family. Now, with all with the moves of military life, her husband has promised they are "home" in California for good, where Terri started her life as a Merced girl.

Please welcome Terri and show her your signature love, grace and humor. It's why I love you, and she will, too!

See you Sunday!



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson

## Calendar

**Sunday May 27, 2018 — Trinity Sunday—Celebrating Memorial Day**  
**8:30 AM** Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: James 5:12–20  
**9:15 AM Chapel Concertino 9:30 AM Morning Prayer**  
**Passages** Jonah 2: 2–9; Psalm 3; James 5:12–20  
**Lector** Lloyd Nattkemper **Crucifer** Judy Fletcher  
**Cookies** NO FELLOWSHIP—STEVENSON GRADUATION  
**Flowers** Nancy and Joe Verska  
**Ushers** Marilyn Gorman and Arlen Lackey  
**Altar Care** Linda Mackie, Shirley Temple, Andrea Thatcher  
**Sermon** The Reverend Ken Feske  
**Title** There's an App for That! A Sermon Series on James  
**This Sunday:** "Prayer: The Default Setting for Life"

We are getting ready to order the next round of plaques for the *Memorial Garden*. If you wish to have one placed, please contact Bob Janzen, 655-5113, or at raejanzen@sbcglobal.net for details

Message from Leslie Mulford, Chair, CitF Board of Directors: We are pleased to announce the appointment of Lettie Bennett and Janet McDaniel to the CitF Board to serve out the remainder of the unexpired terms of Gerry Williams and Judy Fletcher.

With sadness for their loss, but hope in the resurrection, we share news that Graeme and Chris Robertson's father, Gordon Robertson, died Sunday morning, May 20.

The 15th Annual "A Table Affair" will take place on **Thursday, May 31**, in the Main Ballroom, The Inn at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach, between **2:00–6:00 PM**. No reservations or admission charge. Guests are respectfully requested to make a donation to the beneficiary of the year, *Peace of Mind Dog Rescue*. This non-profit organization, located in Pacific Grove, has for nine years concentrated on the rescue of older dogs from shelters and finding them loving homes. In addition, seniors are assisted in keeping their pets with them as long as possible and arrangements are made to find homes for the pets in the event that the owner dies or is moved to a care facility where it is not possible to keep a pet.

**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 sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- *The Men's Small Group* gathers **May 24, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, currently studying the Book of John.
- *Women's Bible Study Small Group* gathers **May 24, 10:30 am–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club. Always free and newcomers welcome; come and explore!
- *Sisters in the Forest Small Group* meets **May 31, 12 noon–1:15 pm**, at Linda Mackie's, 3110 Bird Rock Road, Pebble Beach. All women welcome.

**Music Box**

MAY 27, 2018

**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

*CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR MEMORIAL DAY*  
*Music of Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)*

Sonatine: II. Mouvement de menuet (1903-05)  
Pavane pour une Infante défunte (1889)  
Prélude (1913)

Le Tombeau de Couperin: V. Menuet (1914-17)  
*à la memoire de Jean Dreyfus*

Requiem Op. 48: IV, Pie Jesu .....Gabriel Fauré (1846-1924)  
*Blessed Jesus, Lord and God, Grant them thine eternal rest.*

Pavane Op. 50 .....Gabriel Fauré

Between 1914 and 1917, Ravel composed *Le Tombeau de Couperin*—a solo piano suite in six movements, with each movement dedicated to a friend, or friends, killed in World War One. He was a creative artist, but also a man of conviction and bravery, and you may be surprised, as I was, to hear about his life in that terrible time: He tried to join the French infantry but was rejected because he was too light (105 pounds). Then he volunteered for the air force, hoping his lightness might be an advantage, but was rejected because he was too frail. His determination to defend France led him to care for wounded soldiers in St. Jean de Luz. Later he learned to drive a truck and was at last accepted into the military supply department. He serviced trucks in Paris and in 1916 was sent to the Western Front at Verdun and put in charge of driving gasoline supplies to the front day and night, also rescuing broken-down trucks in what would become one of the longest and costliest battles of the war. Reluctant to abandon his ambition to be a pilot, his hopes were dashed when he was diagnosed with a heart condition and relieved of duty. He contracted dysentery in August of 1916 and was hospitalized, but as he was recovering he was found to have a hernia and was operated on in September. By the end of October, he was back in Paris recuperating. But the war had permanently affected his health, giving him life-long insomnia. In 1932 his health declined rapidly, and he died five years later after undergoing exploratory brain surgery.

Here was a true patriot with courage and grit, unlike the more conventional image of him as a sensitive and gifted soul devoted to art.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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