

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, November 5, 2018

Dear Friends,

A few years ago the U.S. Army began a new series of ads, promoting the Army as “The Army of One.” The “Army of One” campaign was supposed to inspire young people to see the Army as the route to personal fulfillment, where one’s innate and unique talents would be recognized and rewarded.

Five years later the ad was yanked, but not because it failed. Rather, Army soldiers just hated it. Why?

The ad ignored the special experience they had known in the Army: that fulfillment wasn’t personal, but came from sacrificing for others; that success was not individual, but came from working together; and that, even if you brought special talents to the Army, the Army would demand and develop talents from you that you never knew you possessed.

Sunday, as we mark Veterans Day, we’ll think about our spiritual gifts and talents. Our talents contribute to a life that counts. But our scripture lessons—and our veterans—know that talent is not individual genius, but emerges in community and especially in crisis.

See you Sunday,



The Reverend Joanne M. Swenson, Th.D.

Would you like to explore membership at Church in the Forest? Please contact Terri McPherson or Pastor Joanne. New Members will now be welcomed on an on-going/as available basis to accommodate our on-the-go friends. You can join this Sunday!

Calendar

Sunday November 11, 2018 — 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Honoring Veterans Day

9:00 AM Bible Study in the Multipurpose Room led by the Reverend Ken Feske. Topic: Exodus 35 (*Selected verses*)

9:45 AM Chapel Concertino

10:00 AM Morning Prayer

Passages First Peter 4: 7–13; Psalm 104:24–34;
First Corinthians Chapters 12–13 (*Selected verses*)

Lector Dennis Riley

Crucifer Rae Janzen

Fellowship Maggie Holm & Glenda Tuttle

Flowers Ken & Lupita Harrison

Ushers Bob Janzen & Jack Davis

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Linda Hanel, Linda Mackie, Ruth Horn

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

Title Sermon Series: *A Life That Counts*

This Sunday: “*Counting our Spiritual Gifts*”

Want to get more out of our fall sermon series book, [*Everything Happens for a Reason \(And Other Lies I've Loved\)*](#). Want to connect with others on the questions posed by illness and disability? Please join us on **Thursday, November 8. The meeting will be 5:45–6:45 PM**, at Lynn Goree’s house: 549 Hillcrest Ave., PG. Your RSVP’s will help our planning: please contact our office (terri@churchintheforest.org) or Joanne (joanne@churchintheforest.org).

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 9:00 AM** in the Multipurpose Room where the topic is the sermon Bible lesson of the day.
- *The Men’s Small Group Bible Study* gathers **November 8, 10–11:30 AM** in the Multipurpose Room, studying the life of King David (1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings) with inspiration from the Eugene Peterson book, “Leap Over a Wall.”
- *CitF Women’s Small Groups* meet regularly for confidential sharing, accountability and prayer. Please contact Pastor Joanne for more information.
- *Women’s Bible Study*, **November 8, 10:30 AM–12:00**, at the Beach and Tennis Club, studying “Women of the New Testament.” Always free—all women welcome!
- *The Small Group Study* led by the **Reverend Ken Feske** gathers on Tuesday, **November 20, 10:15–11:30 AM** at Gloria Bigelow’s, 3138 Bird Rock. Topic: “Cause for Thankfulness.”

Music Box

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Andrea Jordan, mezzo-soprano
Kevin Jordan, trumpet
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO

- Sound the Trumpet..... Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
- Sheep May Safely Graze.....J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring..... J. S. Bach
- Eternal Source of Light Divine..... G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

- The House I Live InEarl Robinson (1910-1991)

- Trumpet Overture from The Indian Queen Henry Purcell

VETERANS DAY

Protect me from the apathy that stands
 Against the sober truth about the hands
 That keep us free.
 They bear the weight of vigilance, and some
 Will not come back; how then to overcome
 Despair at empty space
 That they once filled? Hold them before they go!
 Support them with our gratitude and know
 We owe them everything.

—RLA



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