

Church in the Forest

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Monday morning, December 18, 2017

Dear Church in the Forest Friends,

We've been immersed in Christmas music for weeks now! Is there *More*?

Christmas sacred music immerses us in "the More"—the intuition that life is "more," that we are made and sustained by a divine energy known in Jesus Christ. While our prayers and sermons, hugs and warm words will be a part of our three Christmas services, what is most important is the music we'll hear and sing. It helps us sense that world being shaped by Jesus Christ—full of love, hope, joy and peace. And More!

See you Christmas Eve and Day!—*Pastor Joanne*

Merry Christmas from the Church in the Forest Staff



Melinda Joanne Ken Joanne Mary

Calendar

Sunday December 24, 2017 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM No Bible Study 12/24 or 12/31. Will resume 01/07

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Exodus 3: 16–20; Psalm 89: 1–6; Luke 1: 46b–55

Lector Dennis Riley

Crucifer Rae Janzen **Ushers** Bob Janzen

Cookies Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Flowers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Sandy Rice, and Linda Mackie

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

Title Sermon Series: "Light in the Forest"

This Sunday: "Light from the Past for the Future"

Sunday December 24, 2017 — Christmas Eve

5:30 PM Chapel Concertino 6:00 PM Service of Lessons & Carols

Readers Charlotte Di Siebert, Freddie Di Siebert,

Jan Reimers, Dick Crowell, Ken Feske, and Lettie Bennett

Crucifer Rae Janzen **Ushers** Bob Janzen and Jack Davis

Flowers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Sandy Rice, and Linda Mackie

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

Monday December 25, 2017 — Christmas Day

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino 9:30 AM Holy Communion

Passages Isaiah 52: 7–10; Psalm 98; John 1: 1–14

Lector Francie Blinks

Crucifer Skip Lord

Oblation Bearer Liz Lord

Flowers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Ushers Jack Davis and Howard Colehower

Prayers of the People Mia Jarick

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Sandy Rice, and Linda Mackie

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title "Welcoming Christ"

Sunday December 31, 2017 — First Sunday of Christmas

8:30 AM No Bible Study — it will resume 01/07

9:15 AM Chapel Concertino 9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Isaiah 61:10–62:3; Psalm 148; Luke 2: 22–40

Lector Phil Bowhay **Crucifer** Marilyn Gorman

Ushers Arlen and Cindy Lackey

Cookies Paula Beckman

Flowers Mary Wiltse and Art Grater

Altar Care Martha Jordan, Sandy Rice, and Linda Mackie

Sermon The Rev. Ken Feske

Title "Worth Waiting For"

PLEASE NOTE: *The office will be closed after Christmas (no newsletter that week) and will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2018. If you need to be in touch with a minister, please feel free to call Ken Feske at (831) 229-7160.*

Music Box

— DECEMBER 24, 2017 —

Lisa Parente, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ

CHAPEL CONCERTINO FOR ADVENT IV

- What Songs Were Sung..... John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)
- I Wonder as I Wander..... Appalachian Carol
arr. by John Jacob Niles
- Some Children See Him..... James Taylor (b. 1948)
- In the Bleak Midwinter.....Christina Rossetti/Gustav Holst
arr. by Craig Courtney
- Still, Still, Still.....Austrian Carol
arr. by Norman Luboff

- O Magnum Mysterium.....Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

- In Dulci Jubilo..... arr. by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Shepherd’s Song at Christmas

Look there at the star! I, among the least,
Will arise and take a journey to the East.
But what shall I bring as a present for the King?
I will bring a song, a song that I will sing,
A song for the King in the Manger.

—*Langston Hughes*

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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