

Music Box

— ADVENT II — DECEMBER 8, 2013 —

**Katherine Edison, soprano
Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano & organ**

Motette: “Exsultate, jubilate” K. 165..... W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Allegro Rejoice, be glad, O you blessed souls, Singing sweet songs; In response to your singing let the heavens sing forth with me.

Andante The friendly day shines forth, both clouds and storms have fled now; for the righteous there has arisen an unexpected calm.

Dark night reigned everywhere before; you who feared till now, and joyful for this lucky dawn give garlands and lilies with full right hand.

Allegro You, O crown of virgins, grant us peace, console our feelings, from which our hearts sigh. Alleluia.

My soul doth magnify the Lord
(Magnificat)..... Randall Thompson (1899-1984)
from “The Nativity according to Saint Luke”

Vom Himmel hoch da komm ich herJ. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden:
for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things;
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him
from generation to generation...
to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.
Amen.

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 2, 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, we've taken another leap of faith as we jump, slide, crawl or race into the Advent Season. It is a time of trying to make sense of all that is going on around us while waiting for the arrival of the Divine in our lives.

Some years ago I heard about a Presbyterian minister who, during the worship service on the First Sunday in Advent, had just begun his sermon when suddenly he said to the congregation: "You carry on. I will be back." With no word of explanation, he walked out of the church, got into his car and drove away.

Stunned, the worshippers just sat there until one of the elders got up and led the group in singing some hymns, offered some prayers, and being a good Scottish Presbyterian, took up the offering, then awkwardly finished the service and dismissed the shocked congregation.

It wasn't that the pastor had "flipped out" or had "lost it" and wanted to go home and crawl under the bed with shame or distress. No, nothing like that.

He was trying to make a point, reminding his congregation that the whole point of Advent is a reminder of the constant, watchful carrying on in which the church is engaged until the fullness of God's rule comes with Jesus' return.

The promise to us is that our waiting is not in vain. We may wonder, as did that minister's congregation, what's going on, but we can trust that God, in Jesus Christ, will be back!

HAVE A BLESSED ADVENT SEASON!

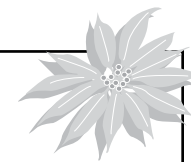
Prayer: Eternal Lord, we believe your promise that you will fill the earth with your presence, and it seems to us that that might be nearer than we would anticipate. Help us to trust that promise through these advent days, and in some small way, by our kindness, forgiveness, and love, see Christ's return in and through us, Amen.

See you in church,



William B. Rolland

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Calendar

Sunday, December 8, 2013 — Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker

Topic: 1 Samuel 16: 1-23

Samuel Anoints David; David Serves in Saul's Court

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages Philippians 1:3-6; Psalm 126; Luke 3:1-6

Lector Francie Blinks

Crucifer Rae Janzen

Flowers Lloyd Nattkemper

Cookies Nancy Borino and Nancy Verska

Altar Care Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

Ushers Bob and Leslie Mulford

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title The Sound of Laughter in Advent