

Music Box

— III ADVENT — DECEMBER 16, 2012 —

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All I Want For Christmas
Happy Christmas
Deck The Halls
Carol Of The Bells
Let It Snow

Silent Night

In Dulci Jubilo.....J. S. Bach

At Christmas play, and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year!

—*Thomas Tusser*

Melinda Coffey Armstead



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Monday morning, December 10, 2012

Dear Members and Friends,

Peace in Advent Plus

Peace is more than the absence of war—it cannot be reduced to the maintenance of a balance of power between opposing forces nor does it arise out of a despotic dominion, but it is appropriately called “the effect of righteousness” (Isaiah 32:17). It is the fruit of that right ordering of things with which the divine founder has invested human society and which must be actualized by humans thirsting after an ever more perfect reign of justice.

The truth is that peace cannot be obtained on earth unless human welfare is safeguarded and people freely and trustingly share with one another the riches of their minds and their talents. A firm determination to respect the dignity of others along with the deliberate practice of love are absolutely necessary for the achievement of peace. Accordingly, peace is also the fruit of love, for love goes beyond what justice can ensure and that produces true peace!

Therefore, every person attempting to live a life well pleasing to God is called to speak the truth in love and join with all who have peace in their hearts and are attempting to bring that peace to the world.

There’s an old hymn that we used to sing back in the days of my youth that spoke volumes to me as a young man. Now in my later years these words still have an impact for good. Let me share them with you:

The Peace That Jesus Gives


Like the sunshine after rain,
Like a rest that follows pain,
Like a hope returned again,
Is the peace that Jesus gives.

Refrain

Oh, the peace that Jesus gives
Never dies; it always lives.
Like the music of a psalm,
Like a glad, eternal calm,
Is the peace that Jesus gives,
Is the peace that Jesus gives.

The above is by Haldor Lillenas, a prolific gospel hymn writer who is known as “one of the most important twentieth-century gospel hymn writers and publishers” and regarded as “the most influential Wesleyan/Holiness songwriter and publisher in the 20th century.”

See you in church,


William B. Rolland

ANNOUNCEMENTS: A few helpers are needed to help dress the church for Christmas this **Saturday morning at 10:00 am.**

Keep in your prayers, Gloria Wagner, whose husband, Alden, died on **Saturday, December 8.** I have the privilege of leading a service of thanksgiving for Alden’s life in Dallas this Wednesday.

Lost and Found: Sometimes items are inadvertently left at church. If you are missing, say, a glove, hearing aid, or anything else, check with the church office.

Calendar

Sunday, December 16, 2012 — III Advent

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

2 Peter 2: 2-11—The Work of Falsehood

9:15 AM Music Prelude

9:30 AM Morning Prayer

Passages James 5: 7-11; Psalm 146:5-10; Matthew 11: 2-6

Lector Robert Perry

Crucifer Cynthia Perry

Flowers Linda Banner,

Cookies Peppy Garner and Merrill Leslie

Altar Care Kathryn Lawrence and Holly Tunstall

Ushers Chuck Elliott and Diane Elliott

Sermon The Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

Title “The Waiting Game”