

**Music Box**

— ADVENT I — NOVEMBER 27, 2011 —

**I CANTORI DI CARMEL**  
**Dr. Sal Ferrantelli, Director**  
**Melinda Coffey Armstead, piano and organ**

Personet hodie..... Gustav Holst (1874-1934) Processional  
Sir Christmas..... Robin Wells (born 1962)  
I sing of a maiden..... Patrick Hadley (1899-1973)  
Locus iste ..... Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)  
Riu, riu, chiu ..... Anonymous (16th century)  
The King shall rejoice..... George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)  
Gloria ..... Antonio Vivaldi (1669-1741)  
    XI Quoniam tu solus sanctus  
    XII Cum sancto spiritu

Gloria ..... Antonio Vivaldi  
    II Et in terra pax

Fuga in C..... Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

A warm welcome to *I Cantori di Carmel!* We are indeed fortunate to begin our Advent celebrations with the artistry of this distinguished vocal ensemble. They are celebrating their thirtieth anniversary this year with two winter concerts, “Let Us Unite in Song,” in the golden acoustics of the historic Carmel Mission Basilica on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, at 8 pm. Conductor Sal Ferrantelli will be assisted by pianist Pauline Troia, orchestra and soloists in works by Brahms, Bruckner, Rutter, Bach, Handel, and an original new piece honoring this anniversary written by Sal Ferrantelli. The major extended work will be Vivaldi’s “Gloria.” Tickets are \$20 General Admission; \$25 Reserved Section (front eight rows). There will be a reception following the Saturday Concert in Crespi Hall behind the Mission.

*Melinda Coffey Armstead*



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Monday morning, November 21, 2011

Dear members and friends,

For the next four newsletters I will be presenting a short devotional for your use as you spend time in prayer or meditation during Advent. This is a season of the church year that affords us a wonderful opportunity to just wait on the Lord and put aside the rush and pressure of approaching Christmas.

*Text for the day:*

*Now the Lord said to Abraham, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." —Genesis 12:1*

People move from one place to another for many reasons. Perhaps it is because of an opportunity to advance in one's career or arises from a desire to pursue academic goals. It could be a wish to live closer to family or friends or it may be a search for a more comfortable climate. (That would be difficult to find outside of the Peninsula, however.) It might even be the sheer adventure of seeking new surroundings with their promise of exciting, new life experiences.

If a person listens closely enough with ears of faith s/he just may hear the voice of God calling her/him to a new place. Certainly that was true for Abraham and Sarah. God called them to undertake a journey of faith and discovery. The Bible traces the beginning of the whole long story of salvation to this singular call over four millennia ago. We, too, are at times called to an enlarged spiritual journey that would be worth the taking.


So, that leaves you and me with three questions:

- Where is God calling us to go this Advent?
- What do we need for the journey?
- What can you count on God to supply?

*A prayer for the week:*

*God of our journeys, lead your people forth in faith to new places of your choosing where we might serve you as your son, our Lord, gave himself for the world. Amen.*

See you in church—and blessings on all this Thanksgiving,

  
William B. Rolland

**Announcement:** We have learned that our very first Wedding Coordinator, **Carolyn Cunningham**, is terminally ill with breast cancer. **Carolyn** and her husband **Bob** were Charter Members and he served on the Board, and their daughter worked in the church office. **Carolyn** now resides in Huntsville, AL.

## Advent/Christmas Music at Church in the Forest

Advent II	December 4	Katherine Edison, soprano
Advent III	December 11	Stevenson Chamber Singers
Advent IV	December 18	Carmen Martin, mezzo-soprano
Christmas Eve	December 24	Wildcoast Brass and vocalists
Christmas Day	December 25	Melinda Coffey Armstead

**EnJOY!**

### *Calendar*

**Sunday, November 27, 2011 — First Sunday of Advent**

**8:30 AM Bible Study with the Rev. Charles Anker.** This week's topic: James 4: 11-12, "The Sin of Judging Others," along with other discussions.

**9:15 AM Music Prelude**

**9:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Passages** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-9; Matthew 24:36-44

**Lector** Ken Harrison

**Crucifer** Lupita Harrison

**Flowers** Tom and Mary McCary

**Cookies** Nancy Reily and ?

**Altar Care** Leonora Branca and Martha Jordan

**Ushers** Wim and Tonneke van der Linder

**Sermon** the Rev. Dr. William B. Rolland

**Title** On your mark, get set, wait!

**Saturday, December 10, at 10 am. Dressing of the church. This is a fun gathering and we need some good help!**