

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 2, 2018

10:30 A.M.

Prelude **Peter Vaast**

Welcome **Pastor Dave Johnson**

Choir Introit *He Is Here* **Amanda Bauman, Director**

***Call to Worship;**

Pastor: In the wilderness, a voice shall cry out, "Prepare the way for the Lord."

People: "Make straight in the desert, a highway for our God."

Pastor: "For he shall come, and his glory shall be revealed."

People: "And all flesh shall see it together!"

***Hymn # 113** *Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Invocation**

***The Lord's Prayer**(using "sins" , "sin")

Lighting of Our First Advent Candle **Ron and Sue Peltier**

Choir Anthem *Sleeping Adonai*

Scripture Reading **Matthew 3:1-12** **Pam Gabie**

Congregational Response **Glory Be To The Father**

Morning Prayer
Choir Response **Majesty and Glory**

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Words of Scripture

Do not give reluctantly nor in response to pressure, for God loves the person who gives cheerfully.(2 Cor. 9:7)

Offertory *Amazing Grace* **Peter Vaast**

***The Doxology**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Sermon **Bulldozer For the King** **Pastor Dave Johnson**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

***Hymn # 281** *Break Thou, The Bread of Life*

The Apostle' Creed (Selection 783)

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn # 123 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***Benediction** ***Three Fold Amen**

***Postlude** **Betsy Wagner**

***Please stand if you are able**

A hearing loop has been installed and is activated **Silence your cell phones**

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY

Ron and Sue Peltier in honor of their 6th Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY IN OUR CHURCH

Immediately following our Morning Worship Service, there will be a special Congregational Business Meeting to vote on a recommendation from our Church Council that Rev. Thomas Theis be called as pastor of the Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies. Just to clarify some misunderstandings, a quorum is 25% of the church membership in attendance, with 2/3 of those needed for approval.

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal.
10:25 a.m. Morning Worship Service.

COMING EVENTS

December 11th – 1:00 p.m. Meeting of the church council.
December 24th – Our annual Christmas Eve Service at 5:00p.m. We will be singing many of your favorite Christmas carols and conclude with a candlelighting ceremony.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

...Our congregation as we gather to vote on calling a new pastor this morning.
...Laurie Aronson's sister Sandy, diagnosed with breast cancer..
...The family of Don Archer, as they experience this time of loss.
...The family of John Rinicella, long time resident and beloved friend of many here in the park, who passed away Nov. 21st. His funeral services will be held At Epiphany Cathedral Chapel on Monday Dec. 10th at 10 A.M. His wife Gerry lives at 929 Ybor West.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORMS

Order forms are under the Flower Calender by the kitchen. They will be \$7.25 with checks payable to Evangelical Covenant Church. Orders must be in by December 16th.

USHERS AND GREETERS

Head Usher Hal Bates
Richard and Barb Welch
Paul Harrington Judy Brouker

Attendance Last Sunday - 113

Scripture Reading
Matthew 3:1-12 (NIV)

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea ² and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

⁴ John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. ⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with^[c] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”



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