

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**  
Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies  
Fourth Sunday in Advent

**December 23, 2018**

**10:25 A.M**

**Prelude** **Betsy Wagner**

**Words of Welcome** **Pastor Dave Johnson**

**Choir Introit** *Christ, We Do Adore Thee* **Amanda Bauman, Director**

**\*Call to Worship**

Pastor: Rejoice, the Lord will give us a sign.

**People: A virgin will conceive and give birth to a son.**

Pastor: You will call him "Immanuel",

**People: Which means, "the Lord is with us."**

**\*Hymn # 128** *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

**\*Invocation**

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

**Lighting of our Fourth Advent Candle** **Sue Tice and Norma Jolly**

**Hymn # 146** *When Christmas Morn is Breaking*

**Scripture Reading** Luke 1:26-38 **Jane McKenzie**

**Congregational Response** *Glory Be to the Father*

**Choir Anthem** *A Cradle Waits* **Amanda Bauman**

**Morning Prayer** **Dr. Alan Forsman**

**Choral Response** *His Name Is Wonderful*

**Presentations of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Words of Scripture:**

Let each of you give as you are able, according to the blessings  
of the Lord, your God. (Deut 16:17)

**Offertory** *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands* **Peter and Betsy**

**\*The Doxology**

**\*The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Special Music** *One Small Babe*

**Diane Carl, Nan McCleerey, Trevor Percy, Norm Bach**

**Sermon** **The Wonder of Christmas** **Pastor Dave Johnson**

**\*Hymn # 153** *What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest*

**\*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**

**ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY...**

Peter and Janet Vaast to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Tomorrow evening at 5:00, we gather for our annual Christmas Eve Service. Join us as we sing many of your favorite carols, enjoy special music, read the majestic Christmas story, and conclude with our candlelighting ceremony. Following our service, at 7:00, there will be a program at the Christmas tree on the east side of Indies Hall.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal.

10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service as Pastor Dave concludes his Interim Ministry with us. During the service he and Pastor Tom will be leading us in the Lord's Supper.

**COMING EVENTS**

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:25 a.m. A very special Sunday in the life of Bay Indies Covenant Church, as Pastor Tom Thies begins his ministry with us. We rejoice in the way that God has brought him to us and excitedly look forward to what the Lord has in store for us in days to come.

January 27, 2019 our Congregational Annual Meeting following services. Further information will follow.

**ENVELOPES**

If you are not currently using Offering Envelopes but wish to in the coming year, please contact me, Diana Floyd. If you put a note in the offering plate, be sure to include your name. You may also talk to Diana at church or call her at 941-483-3309

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

...Dennis and Laurie Palmer as they have gone north for the Memorial Service for Dennis' mother.

...Sue Tice, whose husband Bob, has been hospitalized in Sarasota.

...Vince Sinnott as he undergoes hip replacement surgery December 31<sup>st</sup>.

...Laurie Aronson's sister Sandy, as she is treated for breast cancer.

...Pastor Tom and Wanda Thies as they begin their ministry in Bay Indies.

**BIRTHDAYS**

Betty Ann Clayton 12/23 Ron Hamilton 12/29.

**Attendance Last Sunday - 108**

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called<sup>[a]</sup> the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For no word from God will ever fail."

<sup>38</sup> "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

## USHERS AND GREETERS

Head Usher – Hal Bates

Jane McKenzie Carol Geoffroy  
Judy Koepke Pat Williamson



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