

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

A Service of Carols, Candles, Readings, and Reflections

December 24, 2018

5.00 P.M

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude **Betsy Wagner**
Words of Welcome **Pastor Dave Johnson**
Choir Introit *Surely the Presence* **Amanda Bauman, Director**

***Call to Worship**

Pastor: To us, a child is born, to us a Son is given and the government shall be on his shoulders.

People: **And his name will be called, "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

***Hymn 140** *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

***Invocation**

LIGHTING OF OUR CHRIST CANDLE

MaryAnn and Whitney Olund

Harp Solo *O Holy Night* **Betsy Wagner**

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 **Pastor Dave Johnson**
Hymn 129 *Away in a Manger*
Reflection **Dr. Alan Forsman**
Choir Anthem *Tapestry of the Carols* **Amanda Bauman**

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS

Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 **Dr. Alan Forsman**
Hymn 138 Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Reflection **Pastor Dave Johnson**
Solo *I Wonder as I Wander* **Norma Goodwin**

PRESENTATION OF OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Words of Scripture

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Offertory *Do You Hear What I Hear/ Carol of The Bells* **Peter and Betsy**

***The Doxology**

***The Prayer of Dedication**

SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20 **Pastor Dave Johnson**
Hymn 148 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
Reflection **Dr. Alan Forsman**
Solo *Mary Did You Know?* **Peter Vaast**

CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Scripture Reading

John 8:12, Matthew 5:14-16

Pastor Dave Johnson

Lighting of Our Candles

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

*** 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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal.

10:25 a.m. Morning Worship Service. This will be Pastor Dave's last service as our Interim Pastor, To mark this occasion he and Pastor Tom will be celebrating the Lord's Supper with us.

COMING EVENTS

January 6th, 10:25 a.m. A very special New Year's Morning Worship Service as Pastor Tom and Wanda Thies officially begin their ministry with us at Bay Indies Covenant Church. We rejoice in the fascinating way that God has brought them to us, and eagerly look forward to what He will do through them.

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. You may put a note in the offering plate, be sure to include your name. You may also talk to me at church or call me at 941-483-3309.

USHERS AND GREETERS

Head Usher – Hal Bates
Bill Goodwin John Milne
John Lynch Chris Gabie



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