

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

### First Sunday of Advent

#### The Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

**November 29, 2020**

**09:00 & 10:25 AM**

Prelude	He Is Our Peace	Pete Vaast
Welcome & Church Life		Wanda Thies
Call To Worship		Pastor Tom Thies
Advent Candle Lighting		

\*Hymn insert # 113 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (1,3,5)

#### \*Unison Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### \*Choral Response: Insert # 82 O Come, Let Us Adore Him

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

#### Personal Prayer (Silent personal confession and prayers of intercession)

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Tom Thies

Special Music Amazing Grace Pete Vaast

Scripture Reading Luke 1:13-17

Sermon Promise of John The Baptist Pastor Tom Thies

\*Hymn insert # 158 As With Gladness Men of Old

\*\*Dedication of Our Offerings Pastor Tom Thies

\*The Benediction

\*Postlude Betsy Wagner

\*\*Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of this church. Support may also be sent to the church office at **950 Ridgewood Ave Venice 34285**.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Global Mission Emphasis: Missionaries around the world  
Special Mission Emphasis: Christian Charities that reach the lost and needy  
Pray for the leadership of ECC  
Pray for world and local leaders  
Pray for newly elected leaders  
Pray for military families who are separated during the holidays  
Pray for the many members of our congregation who are dealing with illness and recovering from surgery.  
Pray for our outreach in the Bay Indies Community. You are the Church.

## CHURCH LIFE

**Special Giving Opportunity: Salvation Army Angel Tree.** Contact Linda Rafferty at 941-486-0138 for more information or assistance. **Gifts must be ordered online by December 4<sup>th</sup>.** Linda will be happy to help. Information flyers available in church today.

**CHURCH SERVICES:** Church services will be online only at the present time due to the increased number of cases in the county and Bay Indies. The service will be recorded in advance and sent to you by email and posted on the church website for you to view at home.

**CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES-** are available for your ECCBI regular giving. Jan Nichols, Financial Secretary, needs to know if she should order them again for you. Please let her know if you would like to start or continue using envelopes next year. You may email [Office@bayindieschurch.com](mailto:Office@bayindieschurch.com) or leave a message on the office phone 941-484-1150. Offering envelopes make it possible for the church to give you a record of your giving, upon request.

## BIRTHDAYS

Donna Lillmars 11/30, Nancy Meister 11/30, Roger Ryan 11/30, Shirley Hunt 12/1, John Lynch 12/5

## ANNIVERSARIES

Ron & Susan Peltier 12/2

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:13-17 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup>And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. <sup>16</sup>And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup>and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.” <sup>18</sup>And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” <sup>19</sup>And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” <sup>21</sup>And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup>And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup>And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. <sup>24</sup>After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, <sup>25</sup>“Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

### Attendance Last Sunday

1<sup>st</sup> Service - 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Service - 27

Virtual - 55 (this may include 2 or more people on each viewing)

### CHURCH WEBSITE

[www.bayindieschurch.com](http://www.bayindieschurch.com) you will find the video recording of previous services. You will also find copies of the worship folders. You may also place a confidential prayer request by clicking on the tab- Send a prayer request. Check it out. Be sure to let Pastor Tom and Wanda know how we can pray for you.



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