

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

The Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

December 27, 2020

Online Worship

Prelude	Deck the Halls	Pete Vaast
Welcome & Church Life		Wanda Thies
Call to Worship		Wanda Thies

*Hymn insert # 140 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

*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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Choral Response:

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 O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem Pete Vaast

Scripture Reading Matthew 2: 1-12 Dr. Alan Forsman

Sermon Joy on the Journey Dr. Alan Forsman

*Hymn insert # 135 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

**Dedication of Our Tithes and Gifts Pastor Tom Thies

*The Benediction

*Postlude He Is Born Betsy Wagner

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Global Mission Emphasis: Covenant Mission work in African Countries
Local Mission Emphasis: Pray for local churches who serve the homeless

Pray for the leadership of ECC

Pray for world and local leaders

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

Thank you to Alan Forsman for preaching today. Thank you again to the teams who made it possible for us to record the Christmas Eve service in the Bay House. Thank you to all who shared their memories and traditions of Christmas. It was so enjoying to fellowship with you in this way.

Your **Church Council** is working to prepare for the annual meeting in January. More details to come.

Nominating Committee Report:

We are very thankful for the following Church members that are willing to stand as candidates for the following positions on our Church council. The election will be held at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

Diane Carl	Chair of Council
Sandy Wolcott	Secretary of Council
Jim Amerman	Altar & Worship
Joyce Logan	Stewardship

Carol Geoffroy, Chair, Nominating Committee

Members: George Alexander, Diane Floyd, Pastor Tom Thies

Church Directory: We will be printing a new church directory in 2021. If you have had any changes to your listing or would like to be added to the directory, please email Jan Nichols at office@bayindieschurch.com

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:1–12 (ESV)

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”

⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

¹¹And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Hamilton 12/29, Ellen Gagnon 12/31, Margie Haag 12/31

Attendance Last Sunday

Virtual – 57 (this may include 2 or more people on each viewing)

CHURCH WEBSITE

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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