

**ONLINE
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies
A Service of Carols, Candles, Readings and Reflections
December 24, 2020**

Prelude Pete Vaast
Words of Welcome Pastor Tom Thies

Call to Worship Dr. Alan Forsman
Unto us, a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Hymn # 125 Angels We Have Heard on High

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Alan and Sara Forsman

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Tom Thies

Special Music O Holy Night Betsy Wagner

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

Scripture Reading/Reflection Luke 2: 1-7 Dr. Alan Forsman

Hymn 134 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Special Music Away in a Manger Pete Vaast

THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS

Scripture Reading/Reflection Luke 2:8-14 Pastor Tom Thies

*Hymn # 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM

Scripture Reading/Reflection Luke 2:15-20 Dr. Alan Forsman

Hymn # 148 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Special Music: Do You Hear What I Hear? / Carol of the Bells Betsy & Pete

Scripture Reading /Reflection John 8:12, Matthew 5: 14-16 Pastor Tom Thies

CANDLE LIGHTING

Hymn Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at the birth. Jesus, Lord at the birth.

Benediction Pastor Tom Thies
Postlude Betsy Wagner

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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

Let us come into His House with praise. Even though we are worshiping in our own homes this Christmas Eve, we are together in Spirit. Our prayer for you is that the Lord will bless your worship experience as you participate in this service. Join in and sing the familiar hymns and carols. Allow the music and the words of scripture to fill your hearts and minds. Reflect on the goodness of the Lord who came into the world as a baby, lived as a man, and died on the cross that we may have everlasting life. Rejoice in that knowledge this Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas, Pastor Tom and Wanda.

