

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
The Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

January 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Prelude	Nearer My God to Thee	Pete Vaast
Welcome & Church Life		Wanda Thies
Call to Worship		Alan Forsman

*Hymn # 275 Come, Thou Almighty King

***Unison Reading (Ps 1: 1-3)**

Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked; or stand in the way of sinners; or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither, in all they do they prosper.

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord

Offertory	Amazing Grace	Pete Vaast
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***Doxology**

Personal Prayer (silent praise, confession, and intercession for others)

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		Alan Forsman
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Hymn insert #92 O How I Love Jesus

Scripture Reading	Isaiah 43: 1-7, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22	Betty Ballard
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Special Music	For All That You Have Done	ECCBI Choir
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Sermon	Living the Promise	David Kersten
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Celebration of Communion	Pastor Tom Thies and Alan Forsman	
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*Hymn insert # 410 Standing on the Promises

*The Benediction		Pastor Tom Thies
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*Postlude		Betsy Wagner
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Church Bell Chimes indicate the start of worship and the beginning of our recording.

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

Guest Preacher today: Rev. Dr. David Kersten, Vice President for Church Relations and Dean of North Park Seminary in Chicago, IL. We are blessed to have Dr. Kersten returning to our pulpit. David is also the brother of our Choir Director, Laurie Palmer. Thank you, Dr. Kersten, for sharing God's Word with us today.

Altar Flowers: are provided in memory of Dave Prosser

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Global Mission Emphasis: Pray for those who serve the Lord around the world

Local Mission Emphasis: Those who serve the hungry in our community- Salvation Army and South County Food Bank.

Pray for those in our congregation and community who are dealing with illness and recovering from surgery and injuries.

Pray for the family of **Judy Broucker** who went home to the Lord on 1/4/22

Rehab: **Kathy Harold, Bill Whitman**

In Hospice Care: **Dick Cross, Ron Peltier**

Dealing with Cancer: **Kay Johnson**

Church Council – Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This month's meeting is January 11th at 1:00 P.M. Please let one of your council members know if you have anything you would like brought to the council's attention.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY: On January 16th there will be a special offering for our **Local Missions:** ECC Southeast Conference, Salvation Army and The South County Food Bank.

ANNUAL MEETING: The Church's Annual Business meeting will be held on January 30th at 11:00, immediately following the morning service. All are welcome to attend but voting is restricted to members.

BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Hamilton 1/9, Nicki Landau 1/12, Dick Lewis 1/12, Mike Rafferty 1/15

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Laurie Palmer 1/12, Joe & Barb Atkins 1/16, John & Arlene Lynch 1/16

Head Usher: George Alexander

Usher/Greeters:

Linda Taylor & Bob Ferguson

Molly Prosser & Betty Ballard

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1–7 (NIV)

¹But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Luke 3:15–17, 21-22 (NIV)

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Attendance Last Week:

In-Person- **50**

Online Church- **45**

Online Attendance- Our online church consists of those who are unable to attend, currently, as well as friends of the church across the country and our Canadian Church family. Thank you for being a part of this ministry through your faithful participation, forwarding the message to others, and for your continued faithful support of your church.



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