

Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

101 Via Veneto, Venice, FL 34285

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Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen December 16, 2018

Emilee Basil ~ Music Director Nella Salimov ~ Accompanist

Please turn off or mute your cell phone. Thank you!

Welcome and Church Notices

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" setting by Joel Raney (4-hand piano with Emilee)

Choral Introit Advent Processional

* Call to Worship: Light the Advent Candle of Joy

Pastor: Last Sunday the Advent candles of peace and hope were lit.

People: We remembered that Christ, our Hope, will come again and bring the world His everlasting peace.

Pastor: Today the Candle of Joy is lit to remind us of the joy that Mary felt when the angel Gabriel told her that a special child would be born to her, a child who would save and deliver his people.

People: Christ brings the promise of a new life in which the blind see, the lame walk, and prisoners are set free. He is the bringer of true and everlasting joy.

Pastor: Christ is our hope, our peace, and our joy.

People: We are here to worship Him.

* Invocation and the Lord's Prayer (sins & sin)

* Hymn # 271 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Scripture Lessons read by Gary Durbin

Luke 3:7-18 and Philipians 4:4-7

Anthem "Alleluia! Christ Is Coming"

Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer: "Emmanuel"

Musical Response: "Fill My Cup, Lord"

Offering

Offertory: "The Holly and the Ivy" Women's Ensemble
* Doxology (# 815) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 269 How Great Our Joy

Message: "What should we do?"

* Closing Hymn: 282 O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful

* Benediction and "Three-fold Amen"

* Postlude: "Soon and Very Soon"

Today's Prayer Requests:

Phil VanZanten Marge Robertson Diane DeCicco

Hal Haddox Amy Stoutjesdyk (Jim Thorpe's daughter)

Those mourning the death of Don Alsip.

SEC in FL, esp. Tri-Par Estates in Sarasota

If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, call the Church Secretary. We won't know if you don't tell us!

Greeter: Fred Walmsley

Ushers: Keith and Nancy Embree,

Faith VanZanten, Pat Walmsley

Altar Flowers: George and Carol Novak to the glory of God

Cheryl Birdsall in memory of Bob Birdsall:

"Love you and miss you."



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Church Council Members:

Gary Durbin – Chair Ron Burkholder – Vice Chair

Ann Geise – Secretary Jim Keckler - Treasurer

Phil VanZanten – Financial Secretary

Emilee Basil, Donna Clements, Julie Hilz, Fred Resler

This Week at ECCVI

- TODAY after worship: **Orientation to the Covenant Church** at Tom & Pastor Becky Erickson's home, 513 N. Cervina. Plan for a light brunch & about 90 minutes. Open to all who'd like to know more about who we are. There is still room. Call Pastor Becky: 488-5416.
- Wed. **Choir Rehearsal** 3PM CH1
- Thurs. **Closer Walk Bible Study**: Mining Matthew; 2-3PM CH 2 Venetian Rm.
- Sun. WE are invited to stay after worship to **help Jan Westers celebrate her 90th birthday**. There will be coffee, goodies, and blessed fellowship as we rejoice with Jan, her family, and her friends.

Looking Ahead

- Mon. Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** 7PM.
- Sun. Jan. 13 "**Spiritwood Music**" will be with us.
- Fri. Jan. 18 Covenant **Women's Salad Lunch**.
- Mon. Jan. 21 Share Night at **Culver's 4-7 PM**. We need workers. Sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.

Church Notices

- Last Sunday we donated \$386 to KICY. **Thank you!**
- **Thanks to everyone** who supported the Hymn Sing.
- We need an additional person to serve on the **Church Council**. Three terms conclude in January. We have two willing to serve; we need one more. See Pastor Liz.
- We need **USHERS & GREETERS** 2019. Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table. See Julie Hilz with questions.
- We need **FLOWERS in 2019**. See Ann at the Welcome Table. \$25 and they are yours to take home.
- **FREE Coffee** (caffeinated) moved to the Sorrento Room.
- **Membership** in ECCVI is open to all; dual membership available for those who are members of a church up north. Applications are on the Welcome Table. Give to Pastor Liz or the Council Chair when completed.
- **Attendance** Dec. 9 was 83.

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Rejoice in the Lord always.

Philippians 4:4

Third Sunday of Advent