

Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

101 Via Veneto, Venice, FL 34285

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Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen December 23, 2018

Emilee Basil ~Music Director Nella Salimov ~ Accompanist

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

Welcome and Church Notices

Prelude: "*Deck the Halls*" arr. by John Innes

Choral Introit Advent Processional

* Call to Worship: Light the Advent Candle of Love

Pastor: Last Sunday the Advent Candles of peace, hope, and joy were lit. They are lit today to remind us:

People: Christ our hope will come again to fulfill all God's promises. He brings us joy and everlasting peace.

Pastor: Today the candle of Love is now lit.

People: Jesus is God's perfect love in human form. Those who believe in Him and live in Him, live in love. Love transforms and perfects all things. Love never ends.

Pastor: This candle is lit to remind us that God is love.

People: We thank God for the hope He gives us, the peace He bestows, the joy He pours into our hearts, and His love that redeems us and shows us the way.

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

People: Lord Jesus Christ, we worship You.

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

* Hymn # 259 Angels, from the Realms of Glory (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

Scripture Lessons read by Jim Rundell

Micah 5:2-5 and Luke 1:39-55

Anthem "*Hark! Hear the Music*"

Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer: "*Let's Worship and Adore Him*"

Musical Response: "*Here I Am, Lord*"

Offering

Offertory: "*Christmas Bells*"

George Novak and Gail McKay

* Doxology (# 815) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 256 Love Has Come

Message: "Promise Fulfilled"

* Closing Hymn: # 258 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

* Benediction and "*Three-fold Amen*"

* Postlude: "*Prepare the Way of the Lord*"

Today's Prayer Requests:

Phil VanZanten Diane DeCicco Hal Haddox

Amy Stoutjesdyk (Jim Thorpe's daughter)

SEC in FL, esp. Faith Covenant Church in St. Petersburg

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:

Pastor Liz and Dallas celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary

Jon and Phyllis Tack for their 52nd wedding anniversary



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Church Secretary: Joyce Durbin (Cell) 813-841-4863

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: **Celebrate Jan Westers 90th birthday** with coffee, goodies, and blessed fellowship.
- Mon. **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7PM.**

Looking Ahead

- Wed. Jan. 2 **Choir Rehearsal 3PM CH1**
- Thurs. Jan. 3 **Closer Walk Bible Study: Mining Matthew**; 2-3PM CH 2 Venetian Rm.
- 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.

Ministry Opportunities

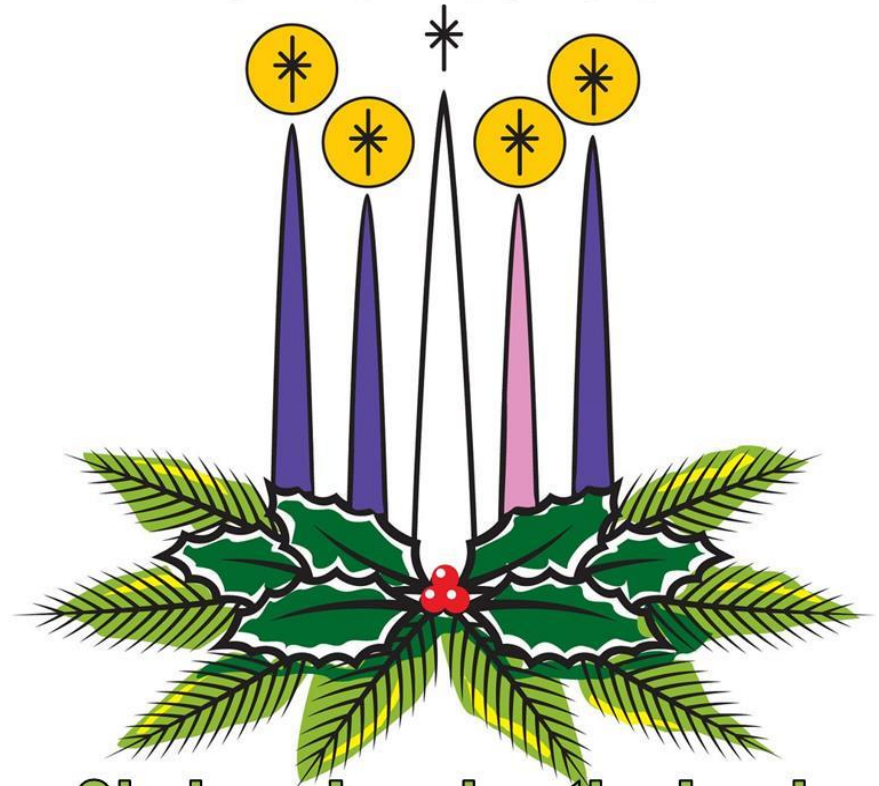
- **Church Council Member:** One 3-year term still needs to be filled. See Gary Durbin with questions.
- **USHERS & GREETERS:** Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table. See Julie Hiltz with questions.
- **Altar Flowers:** A bouquet is \$25 and it is yours to take after worship. See Ann at the Welcome Table.
- **Donor Relations:** Thank donors and notify families of donations. Supplies are provided. See Pastor Liz.
- **Webmaster:** Keeps our on-line presence current and fresh. See Gary Durbin with questions.

Church Notices

- **Memorial Tree** at the front of church is for us to write a message to or about our loved ones who have gone to eternity and place it on the tree in their memory.
- **FREE Coffee** (caffeinated) in 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.
- **Today's Hymns** in large print available with bulletin.
- **Attendance** Dec. 16 was 79.

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Oh, how I praise the Lord.

How I rejoice in God my Savior!
Luke 1:46-47

Fourth Sunday of Advent