

Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

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Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen

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

Welcome!

Prelude: *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"* (4-hand piano)

Choral Introit *"How Should a King Come?"*

* **Call to Worship: Light the Advent and Christ Candles**

Pastor: We gather to celebrate the birth of the one who is the light of the world.

People: We are here to worship God and His Son Jesus, born in Bethlehem of Judea.

Pastor: The Advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love are lit.

People: They remind us that Christ is our hope and He brings the peace of God to us. As Mary rejoiced in the birth of Jesus so His birth in us brings us joy. His love never fails; it transforms all who give it and receive it.

Pastor: The Christ candle is lit. It reminds us that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, was born this night.

People: He is called Emmanuel, for in Him God is with us. We worship Him!

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

* Hymn # 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10

Reflecting on the salvation of our God

Choral Anthem *"Do You Hear What I Hear"*

Percussion: Gary Durbin

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:1-14

Reflecting on the incredible gift

Hymn # 278 Angels We Have Heard on High

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

Reflecting on God with us

Candlelight Hymn Silent Night

Prayers of the Church

(Extinguish your candle CAREFULLY!)

Manger Songs *(Please sing when directed)*

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place, can this be the Savior?
Ask the saved of every race who have found His favor.

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth, hail the King of glory!

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the night sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging angels singing,
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Offering –Psalm 96:8-10

Offertory: *"Mary's Boy Child"* Solo by Emilee Basil

Reflecting on Christmas

"O Holy Night" George Novak

* Benediction: Psalm 96:11-13

* Hymn 270 Joy to the World! (Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Postlude: "Our Day of Joy Is Here Again"
music by A.L. Skoog

Greeter: Fred Walmsley

Ushers: Keith and Nancy Embree,
Faith VanZanten, Pat Walmsley

Altar Flowers:

Pastor Liz and Dallas Jensen celebrating their 44th
wedding anniversary.

Phyllis and Jon Tack celebrating their 52nd wedding
anniversary.

Poinsettias are a gift from the Church Council & Pastor Liz



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Merry  Christmas

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Glory to God in the highest heaven.

Luke 2:14

Christmas Eve