

Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

101 Via Veneto, Venice, FL 34285

www.eccvi.net

Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen December 2, 2018

Emilee Basil ~ Music Director Nella Salimov ~ Accompanist

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

Welcome and Church Notices

Prelude: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"/"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"/Clarke's "Trumpet Voluntary" arr. M.Ham*

Choral Introit *"Advent Processional"*

* Call to Worship: Light the Advent Candle of Hope

Pastor: The prophets of Israel spoke of the coming of Christ; a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how He would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

People: On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish His kingdom over all things on earth.

Pastor: As followers of Christ, we wait for His return.

People: This lit candle reminds us that as Christ came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so He is coming again, in power, to deliver His people.

Pastor: Christ is our Hope.

People: We are here to worship Him.

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

* Hymn # 245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 25:1-10

Message: "Waiting and Learning"

Anthem *"Prepare the Way of the Lord"*

Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer: *"Come Thou Long-expected Jesus"*

Musical Response: *"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"*

Offering

Offertory: *"In the Bleak of Winter"* solo by Lynda Kahrs

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Message: "The Saving Sprout"

Hymn # 461 In Remembrance of Me

Service of Holy Communion (Bread is gluten free)

Scripture Lesson: Luke 21:25-36

Message: "Is This Advent?"

* Closing Hymn # 754

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

* Benediction and "Three-fold Amen"

* Postlude: *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

Today's Prayer Requests:

Hal Haddox Amy Stoutjesdyk (Jim Thorpe's daughter)
SEC churches in FL esp. Royal Palm Covenant Church

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: Anonymous

Fred and Donna Resler to the glory of God

Pastor Liz Jensen – (Home) 493-1420 (Cell) 525-4892

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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 Hiltz, Fred Resler

This Week at ECCVI

- Mon. **Decorate the Church** for Christmas at 3PM followed by **Church Night at the DQ** from 4 to 7PM.
- Wed. **Choir Rehearsal** 3PM CH1
- Thurs. **Closer Walk Bible Study**: Mining Matthew; 2-3PM CH 2 Venetian Rm. Study sheets are on the church website: Resources.
- Sun. KICY Radio Station **100% Sunday**. Please bring at least **\$1** to support the work of KICY Radio Station.
- Sun. 6:30 PM **Christmas Carols and Cookies**. FREE! Open to ALL. Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table.

Looking Ahead

- Sun. Dec. 16 **Orientation to the Covenant Church** after worship at Pastor Becky & Tom's home, 513 N. Cervina. Light brunch will be served. Plan for about 90 minutes. Open to all who'd like to know more about who we are. Please sign-up; sheet is on the Welcome Table.
- 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**.

Church Notices

- **Thank you** for your donations to those ministered to by the South County Food Pantry.
- The church is **NOT** part of the Feb. 16 Community Sale.
- **Today's Hymns** in large print available with bulletin.
- **USHERS & GREETERS** needed in 2019. Sign-up sheets are on the Welcome Table. See Julie Hilz with questions.
- **FREE Coffee** (caffeinated) and water are available on the table by the ushers before worship.
- **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. Call Pastor Liz with questions.
- **Attendance** Nov. 25 was 84.

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**I will make a righteous Branch
sprout from David's line.**

Jeremiah 33:15

**First Sunday of Advent
Communion Sunday**