

# Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

101 Via Veneto, Venice, FL 34285

www.eccvi.net

Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen December 30, 2018

Emilee Basil ~Music Director Nella Salimov ~ Accompanist

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

## Welcome and Church Notices

### Birthday Song Lyrics (Traditional Melody)

Happy Birthday to you, and to Jesus be true.

May God's richest blessings descend upon you.

Prelude: "*Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella*" French Carol,  
setting by Joel Raney - duet (Nella and Emilee)

\* Introit # 254 Isn't He?

\* **Call to Worship** – based on Psalm 98

Pastor: Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has done  
wonderful deeds.

**People: He has won a mighty victory by his power and  
holiness.**

Pastor: The whole earth has seen the salvation of our  
God.

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in  
praise and sing for joy!**

Pastor: The Lord is coming to judge the earth with justice  
and the nations with fairness.

**People: We sing praise to the Lord!**

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

Hymn # 277 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Scripture Lessons** read by Chub Bortz

Luke 2:21-40

Colossians 3:12-17

"*Christmas Alleluia*"

## Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer: "*The Birthday of a King*"

Musical Response: "*O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*"

## Offering

Offertory: "*Joy Bells are Ringing*" solo by Pastor Liz

\* Doxology (# 815) and Prayer of Dedication

Hymn # 250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

## Message: "Christmas Clothes"

\* Closing Hymn: # 251 It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
(Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

\* Benediction and "*Three-fold Amen*"

\* Postlude: "*O Harken Ye*"

Today's Prayer Requests:

Phil VanZanten Gerrit Baker Diane DeCicco

Hal Haddox Amy Stoutjesdyk (Jim Thorpe's daughter)

Southeast Conference Churches in FL, esp.

Lakeview Community Church in Tarpon Springs

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:

Susan Defer for all Pastor Liz does.

Gail McKay in memory of Grandpa Jim and my parents.



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

Email: emj49@comcast.net

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

- Tues. God bless you in the **New Year**.
- Wed. **Choir Rehearsal** 3PM CH1.
- Thurs. **Closer Walk Bible Study: Mining Matthew**; 2-3PM CH 2 Venetian Rm.

### Looking Ahead

- Mon. Jan. 7 **Un-decorate the Church** followed by **Church Night at the DQ** from 4 to 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.
- Sun. Jan. 20 Pickup **Annual Meeting Packet**
- Sun. Jan. 27 **Annual Church Business Meeting**

### 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.
- **Webmaster**: Keeps our on-line presence current and fresh. See Gary Durbin with questions.

### Church Notices

- **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.
- **FREE Coffee** (caffeinated) in the Sorrento Room.
- **Today's Hymns** in large print available with bulletin.
- **Attendance** Dec. 23 was 79; Dec. 24 was 72.

# Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle



And over all these virtues put on love,

which binds them all together in perfect unity.

**Colossians 3:14**

# First Sunday after Christmas