

# Evangelical Covenant Church of Venice Isle

101 Via Veneto, Venice, FL 34285

www.eccvi.net

Rev. Elizabeth M. Jensen December 9, 2018

Emilee Basil ~ Music Director Nella Salimov ~ Accompanist

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

## Welcome and Church Notices

Prelude: "What Child is This?" music by Greensleeves,  
arr. by Joel Raney (4-hand piano with Emilee)

Choral Introit "Call To Advent"

### \* Call to Worship: Light the Advent Candle of Peace

Pastor: Last Sunday we lit the Advent candle of hope. It is lit today to remind us our hope is in Christ.

**People: Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises.**

Pastor: The candle of peace is also lit. It reminds us that God gives us peace when we turn to Him in faith.

**People: Peace is a gift for which we must be prepared. Through John the Baptist and the other prophets, God calls us to prepare our hearts so that Jesus may come in.**

Pastor: Christ is our hope and the source of our peace.

**People: We are here to worship Him.**

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

\* Hymn # 249 O Come, All Ye Faithful (Vs. 1 & 2)

### Scripture Lessons read by Julie Hiltz

Malachi 3:1-4 and Philippians 1:3-11

Anthem "Come To Us O Promised One"

### Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer: "Emmanuel"

Musical Response: "Alleluia"

### Offering

Offertory: "Our Day of Joy is Here Again" – Pastor Liz  
Chorus – Please sing along:

Glory to our God we sing. Glory to our Lord and King.  
Peace, good will with all abide this holy Christmas tide.

**Message: "Peace in a Wilderness"** Text: Luke 3:1-6

### KICY 100% Sunday

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us / Sheep May Safely Graze" by J. S. Bach

\* Closing Hymn: "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"  
(See Insert)

\* Benediction and "Three-fold Amen"

\* Postlude: "Refiner's Fire" music by Brian Doerksen

Today's Prayer Requests:

Hal Haddox Amy Stoutjesdyk (Jim Thorpe's daughter)  
SEC church in FL: Safety Harbor 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:

Lynda Kahrs to the glory of God

Nancy and Keith Embree in memory of their fathers



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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 Hiltz, Fred Resler

## This Week at ECCVI

- TODAY **KICY Radio Station 100% Sunday**. Please donate at least \$1 to support the work of KICY.
- TONIGHT 6:30 PM **Christmas Carols and Cookies**. FREE! Open to ALL.
- 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 under "Resources".
- Sun. **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.

## 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**.

## Church Notices

- Last Sunday we donated \$350 to support the ministry of the South County Food Pantry. **Thank you**.
- **Thanks** Sanctuary decorators! **Thanks** DQ supporters!
- Thank you for the **flowers**! Need one more for Dec. 30.
- **Today's Hymns** in large print available with bulletin.
- We need a **Webmaster**. See Gary Durbin to volunteer.
- **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** Dec. 2 was 78.

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A message from God came to John...

...who was living out in the wilderness.

Luke 3:2

# Second Sunday of Advent