

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
The Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies

December 26, 2021

10:00 AM

Prelude	He is Born	Betsy Wagner
Welcome & Church Life		Wanda Thies
Call to Worship		

*Hymn #110 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Responsive Reading (Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless the Lord continually,

People: His praise shall always be on my lips.

Leader: In the Lord I will glory,

People: the humble shall hear and be glad.

Leader: O glorify the Lord with me,

People: and let us exalt His name together.

The Dulcimer Players Mozart Canon in D

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Pastor Tom Thies

Offertory Sing We Now of Christmas/ Hosanna in Excelsis Betsy Wagner

***Doxology**

Personal Prayer (personal confession, praise, and prayers of intercession)

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Tom Thies

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:1, 2 Cor 1:3-7 Joan Mayer

The Dulcimer Players Tell Me the Story of Jesus
Pachelbel Canon in D/Seek Ye First

Sermon: The Comforted Comfort Alan Forsman

*Hymn # 135 Go, Tell it on the Mountain

The Dulcimer Players Let There Be Peace on Earth

*The Benediction Alan Forsman

*Postlude Betsy Wagner

Church Bell Chimes indicate the start of worship and the beginning of our recording.

*** You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

CHURCH LIFE

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Global Mission Emphasis: International Justice Mission- working to end violence against those living in poverty

Local Mission Emphasis: Pray for the Body of Christ serving in churches in our local community.

Pray for Leaders in the Covenant Church: **Dr. Alan Forsman, Rev. Liz Jensen, and Dr. Catherine Gilliard** (Southeast Conference Superintendent)

Pray for your neighbors as well as residents of the Bay Indies Community. You are the Church.

Continue to pray for the many members of our congregation who are dealing with illness, recovering from surgery, or currently unable to attend.

Rehab Facility: **Bill Whitman**

In Hospice Care: **Dick Cross, Ron Peltier**

Dealing with Cancer: **Kay Johnson, Kevin Muldoon, Marty Donovan, Judy Broucker**

Linda and Mike Rafferty want to thank the congregation for their prayers and words of encouragement. The surgery was successful, and recovery is well underway.

Pray for those with unspoken prayer requests. Give God praise for the many blessings and answers to prayer.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Available for pick up in the back of the church today.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE at ECCBI: Will You Join the Team?

Usher/Greeters, Flower Team, Scripture Readers, Welcome Team, Care Team, Meal Team, Social/Fellowship Team. There is a place for you to serve. See Wanda for more information.

Please let us know if you are **not** on the **mailing list** for church news, devotions, and Sunday Services and would like to be included. Email your request to wanda.i.thies@gmail.com to be added to the church updates mailing list.

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Hamilton 12/29, Ellen Gagnon 12/31

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:1 (NIV)

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

2 Corinthians 1:3–7 (NIV)

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

⁵For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

Head Usher: Diane Carl

Usher/Greeters:

Linda Taylor & Bob Ferguson

Pam Gabie & Molly Prosser

Attendance Last Week:

In-Person: 64

Online Church: 55

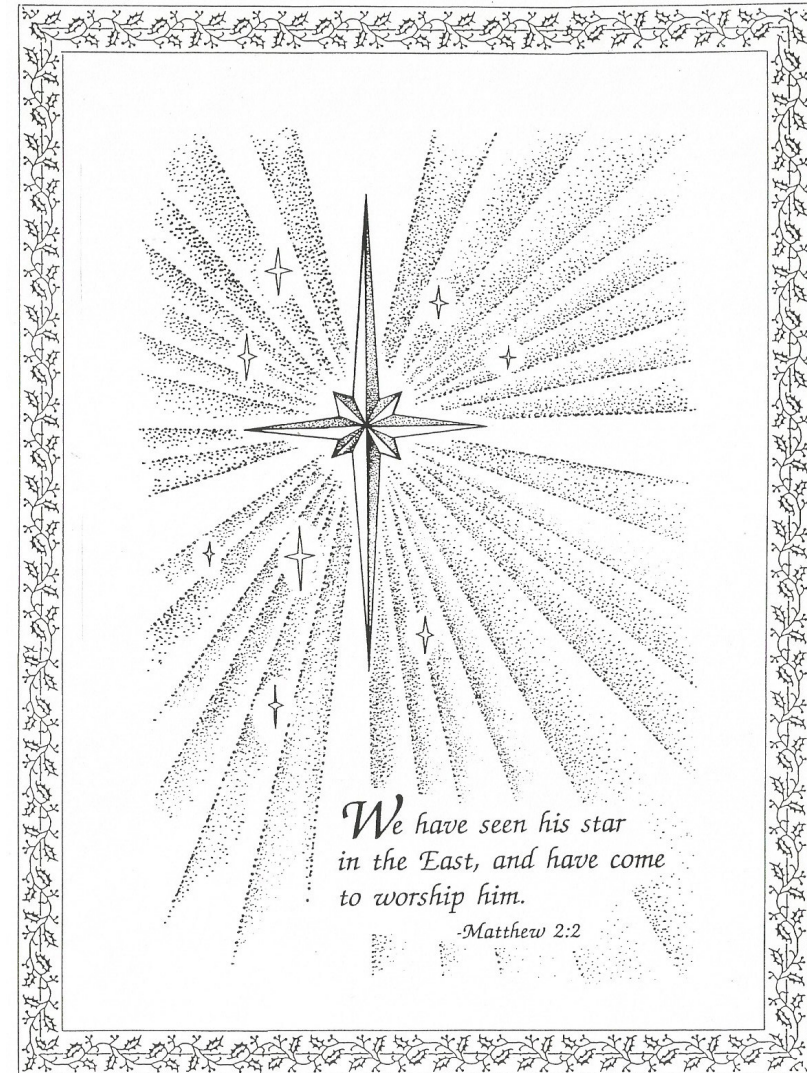
Online Attendance- Our online church consists of those who are unable to attend, currently, as well as friends of the church across the country and our Canadian Church family. Thank you for being a part of this ministry through your faithful participation, forwarding the message to others, and for your continued faithful support of your church.

CHURCH WEBSITE

WWW.BAYINDIESCHURCH.COM

You will find video recordings of previous services and copies of the worship folders. You may also place a confidential prayer request by clicking on the tab- Send a prayer request. Be sure to let Pastor Tom and Wanda know how we can pray for you.

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