

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**  
**Evangelical Covenant Church of Bay Indies**  
**A Service of Carols, Candles, Readings and Reflections**

**December 24, 2021**

**5:00 PM**

Prelude	What Child is This?	Betsy Wagner
Words of Welcome		Pastor Tom Thies
Call to Worship		Pastor Tom Thies

Unto us, a child is born, unto us a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

\*Hymn # 125                      Angels We Have Heard on High

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

Chris and Pam Gabie

Special Music:	The Star Carol	Norma Goodwin
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Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Tom Thies
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Special Music	O Holy Night	Betsy Wagner
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**THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

Scripture Reading/Reflection	Luke 2: 1-7	Rev. Elizabeth Jensen
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Special Music	One Small Babe	ECCBI Choir
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**THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE SHEPHERDS**

Scripture Reading/Reflection	Luke 2:8-14	Dr. Alan Forsman
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\*Hymn # 138                      Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**SHEPHERDS GO TO BETHLEHEM**

Scripture Reading/Reflection	Luke 2:15-20	Dr. Alan Forsman
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\*Hymn # 148                      O Little Town of Bethlehem

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

**Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings to the Lord**

Pastor Tom Thies

Offertory:	Do You Hear What I Hear? / Carol of the Bells	Betsy Wagner
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Scripture Reading /Reflection	John 8:12, Matthew 5: 14-16	Pastor Tom Thies
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Special Music	Sleeping Adonai	Laurie Palmer ECCBI Choir
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**CANDLE LIGHTING**

\*Hymn                              Silent Night! Holy Night!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born.

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at the birth. Jesus, Lord at the birth.

Benediction	Pastor Tom Thies
Postlude	Betsy Wagner

Head Usher: Hal Bates

Ushers/Greeters:

Misty McDuffie & Pam Gabie

Molly Prosser & Linda Taylor

**The Church Bell Chimes indicate the start of our video recording of the service. Please silence your cell phones.**

**CHURCH WEBSITE**

[www.bayindieschurch.com](http://www.bayindieschurch.com) you can find recordings of our Sunday Worship Services, copies of the church bulletins, and pictures of activities. You may place a confidential prayer request by clicking on the tab- Send a prayer request

## GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD

We are thankful to be together as a church family this Christmas Eve. Our prayer for you is that the Lord will bless your worship experience as you participate in this service. We will hear the message of His birth and join in singing the familiar hymns and carols. Allow the music and the words of scripture to fill your hearts and minds. Reflect on the goodness of the Lord who came into the world as a baby, lived as a man, and died on the cross that we may have everlasting life. Rejoice in that knowledge this Christmas Eve. Blessings and Merry Christmas, Pastor Tom and Wanda.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

From your council members: Diane Carl, Carol Geoffroy, Jan Nichols, Nan McCleerey, Nancy Janish, Joyce Logan, Linda Rafferty, Bob Ferguson, Laurie Aronson, Jim Amerman



## EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF BAY INDIES Rev. Thomas E. Thies, Pastor

