

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Fourth Sunday in Advent**

**December 24, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: Hallelujah Joy! Rita Pittman  
**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

**\* Call to Worship**

Pastor: We gather today. It is time to worship.

**People: We listen for God. It is time to hear.**

Pastor: We receive God's grace. It is time to be loved.

**People: We leave in peace. It is time to serve others!**

Pastor: As we wait for Jesus' arrival, Emanuel, God-with-us, is already here.

**People: Wherever we wait for God's time to come, we will witness wonders. Amen.**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

\* Hymn # 125 "Hark the Glad Sound"

\* Invocation

**Offering** O Little Town of Bethlehem

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson.** Romans 16:25-27

**Special Music:** The Birthday of a King Choir

**Today's Message:** "Out of Time" Rev. Kosec

Hymn # 120 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**Prayers of the Church**

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\* Closing Hymn #146 "Joy to the World". Verses 1 & 2

**\* Benediction**

Postlude: Once in Royal David's City Rita Pittman

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

**CHURCH LIFE**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information.

**CAN YOU LEND A HAND...how about some goodies?** As you are aware, this evening we will host the Christmas service and our Social committee would like to provide a little Christmas blessing to those who gather. We need some Christmas treats as well as people power to set things up. Can you lend a hand?

**DECEMBER 24** We will return for our 6:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service.

**BRUNCH WITH OUR MISSIONARY:** January 14, 2024 We are planning that our missionary Erika Clauson will be our guest. We'll hold this event at Venezia after Church. We will have the sign-up sheet available on the back table. Thanks, Linda Rafferty.

**THE ALTAR AT CHRISTMAS.....** From the recent blue cloth denoting Hope, and Expectation, we change to White in Joy and Celebration.... Long-Promised Messiah has been born in Bethlehem.... "HE SHALL BE CALLED EMMANUEL-GOD WITH US" (MATTHEW 1:23)

**BIRTHDAYS**

David Warner 12/24, Ron Hamilton 12/29, Betty Bridgens 12/30

**Head Usher:** Hal Bates  
**Usher/Greeters:**  
Norma Jolly & Diane Hartley

### Scripture Reading

Romans 16: 25-27 (New Living Translation)

Now all glory to God, who is able to make you strong, just as my Good News says. This message about Jesus Christ has revealed his plan for you Gentiles, a plan kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the prophets foretold and as the eternal God has commanded, this message is made known to all Gentiles everywhere, so that they too might believe and obey him. All glory to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, forever. Amen.



## EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF BAY INDIES



**SIGN IN, PLEASE!** We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

**Attendance Last Week: 50**

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