



# East Valley Church First Sunday in Advent Communion Service December 01, 2019

## To Our Visitors

Thank you for joining us for this celebration of worship!  
It is our hope that you find the service uplifting and that you will come again. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

## Our Mission Statement

“Helping each other follow Jesus Christ.”

## Our Vision Statement

“To be people who delight in worshipping Jesus, seek to know him more and are being shaped by God to be a redemptive presence in our community through proclaiming the gospel, feeding the hungry and nurturing one another in love.”

Interim Pastors: Phil Assink and Larry Meeks

## Elders/Committee

Butch Smedema: Vice President/Chair of Worship and Resource  
Connie Faulkner: Worship Team  
Mark Van Kommer: Chair of Education  
Don Linder: Chair of Outreach  
Frank Meneses: Life Church

## Deacons/Committee

Claudia King: Education Team  
Blair Bickel: Outreach Team  
John Barnes: Chair of Fellowship Team  
Lorrie Zeutenhorst: Fellowship Team

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Approach to God

Ringing of the Bell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath-“Joy”

Opening Carol #123 “O’Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Songs of Praise

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

The Word of God

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:23-36

Message by Pastor Assink

“First Sunday in Advent, Joy”

Response to the Word

Offering

Prayer for the Offering

Preparation for Communion

Communion

*\*All who desire to follow Jesus as Savior and Lord are invited to the communion table.  
We will participate by coming forward, if you are able.  
You may partake of the elements when you are served or when you return to your seats.  
Leaders are available at the communion table to receive your prayer requests or to pray with you.*

Congregational Prayer

Sharing the Peace of Christ: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also, with you.**

Closing Hymn #124 “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Benediction

Song of Departure: “O Come, Let Us Adore Him”

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Pastor Larry Meeks

“Hope” Scripture: Psalm 25:1-7

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## First Sunday in Advent - JOY

1 Chronicles 16:23-36

### Our Vision: *Helping Each Other Follow Jesus Christ*

#### Recognize that Joy is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit

For God's Kingdom is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of the righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives.

Romans 14:17 Good News

The jailer brought them (Paul and Silas) into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family. Acts 16:34

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:12

#### Joy is not overcome by \_\_\_\_\_

So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Matthew 28:8

So, with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. John 16:22

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. James 1:2 New Living

#### Joy is nurtured through - \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty.

Jeremiah 15:16

#### \_\_\_\_\_ with God's people

Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 1 Timothy 1:4

I have many things to write to you, but I do not want to use paper and ink. Instead, I hope to come to you and talk face to face so we can be full of joy. 2 John 12, New Century

#### Uniting our hearts in \_\_\_\_\_

Come, let's sing for joy to the Lord. Let's shout praises to the Rock who saves us. Psalm 95:1 New Century

## Sunday Announcements

EVC Annual Meeting - We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall following coffee hour at 11:00 am to vote on the proposed 2020 budget.

Congressional Reading - We are encouraging everyone at EVC to read the Gospel of Luke together during Advent. We begin today in Luke 1 and we will read a chapter a day. Luke has 24 chapters so on Christmas Eve, we end up with the story of the Resurrection. Don't stress if you get a day behind. Choose your own rhythm, if you want to catch up or just jump to the current day. Enjoy an Advent Journey with Jesus!

The Advent Bulletin Artwork was done by Courtney Shaw from Faith Community Church in 2011 when she was in high school. Each picture features verses from the Bible containing the theme word for the morning.

Caroling - We will be caroling on Sunday, December 15 following the fellowship time. We will leave from the church in a caravan and return about 12:30. Please sign up on the foyer table if you would like to join us.

Christmas Eve – Our Candlelight Christmas Eve service will be at 9 pm this year. Join us for carols, a message from the manger and a special candlelight closing.

Invite your family and friends to join us!

The Pantry is collecting hams (turkeys) for the December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas distribution. Your sharing will make all the difference to someone in need, donate today if you can!

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*All Ladies cordially invited*



*"It's a Wrap"*



*A Christmas Luncheon All About  
"Wraps"*

*Saturday, December 14, 11:30 am-1 pm*

*Special Guest, LuLaRoe Charlotte Layman*

*Sumptuous Lunch*

*Door Prizes*

*Inspirations by Gwen*

*Music and More!*

*Bring a Friend!*

*RSVP to church office by Dec 11<sup>th</sup>*