East Valley Church

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 Pastor: Phil Assink

Elders/Committee
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Mark Van Kommer: Chair of Education
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East Valley Church
Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 22, 2019

Approach to God
Ringing of the Bell
Lighting of the Advent Wreath “Love”
   Manny and Sam Lopez
Special Music, Ruth Van Kommer on Trumpet
Opening Carol # 148  “O Holy Night” Verses 1-3
   (Prayer Requests Collected)
Prayer of Confession
Words of Assurance  1 John 4:9-12
Songs of Praise
* Do You Hear What I Hear
* One Small Child

The Word of God
Scripture  John 15:9-17
Message by Pastor Phil Assink
   “The Fourth Sunday in Advent, Love”

The Response to God
Offering
*Prayer for the Offering
*Congregational Prayer
*Closing Carol #145  “O Come All Ye Faithful”
The Benediction
*Song of Departure “Go Tell It on The Mountain”
Postlude

*Please Rise in Body or Spirit
*Web audio sermons are posted Tuesday mornings.
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Sunday Announcements

Church Directory: Updates and changes will be accepted through December 29, 2019. Please see the directory copy on the foyer table. New Directory is coming in January!

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 12/24 at 9:00 pm
Invite your family and friends to join us!
Invitation cards and a sign-up sheet for rides are located on the foyer table.
*There will not be a Service held on Christmas Day.

Congregational Reading: We are encouraging everyone at EVC to read the Gospel of Luke together during Advent.
Don’t stress if you get a day behind. Choose your own rhythm and enjoy an Advent Journey with Jesus!

Adult Sunday School is on hold until January 2020.

The Care Team will be meeting January 7th at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Grief Support Meeting will be held January 7th at 1:30 pm at the home of John Van Belle.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Love
John 15:9-17

Our Mission
Helping Each Other Follow Jesus Christ

___________________________ you are loved
You did not choose me, but I chose you. John 15:16
What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are.
I John 3:1 The Message

___________________________ as if you are loved
If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.
John 15:10
If someone obeys God’s teaching, then in that person God’s love has truly reached its goal. This is how we can be sure we are living in God: Whoever says that he lives in God must live as Jesus lived.
1 John 2:5-6 New Century

___________________________ to others
We love each other because he loved us first.
I John 4:19 New Century
This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God. My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other.
1 John 4:10-11 The Message
We know we have left death and have come into life because we love each other. Whoever does not love is still dead.
1 John 3:14 New Century