

# 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

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  
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## Fourth Sunday in Advent

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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 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

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

## *Fourth Sunday in Advent*

### **Love**

John 15:9-17

### ***Our Mission***

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### **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

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### **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

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### **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