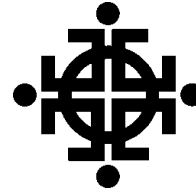


Notes:



# First Covenant Church

*Welcome to our church! May you know the joy of salvation, which is ours through Jesus Christ and that through the warmth of our fellowship you may grow in God's grace and love.*

## Worship Celebration

November 27, 2022

9:30am

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Watch! Wait!

The day of God is at hand!

**Like the bud on a tree, God's promises are about to blossom!**

Stay awake! The reign of God is near.

**We are here, watching and waiting with hope.**

May God bring justice to all people on this day.

**May God's reign come on earth as in heaven.**

Lighting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Candle

Russ & Magan Carlson

Hymn #136

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson

Psalm 122

(Pew Bible pg. 471)

Second Lesson

Matthew 24 : 36-44

(Pew Bible pg. 758)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Covenant Kids Congo Offering

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God, EQUIP people to live in faith, SHARE God's land SERVE the community around us.*

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Doxology #48

Morning Prayer\*\*

Hymn #141

“Come, Lord Jesus”

Message

“Testimony”  
Revelation 12:11  
Mike Hannay

Hymn #146

“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

Challenge...Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious, gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you, give you peace.

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Wayne Christiansen

Scripture Reader: Cassie Hill

Ushers: Mike & Kathy Hannay

\*\* For the Morning Prayer, you are invited to offer a prayer request or praise item. To do this, please write out your request on a slip of paper provided in the pew rack. Then place it in the offering plate as the offering is taken.

As you leave the service this morning you will have the opportunity to give an offering to help support the work of the Gideons.

Our church will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

### Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation  
11:00 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

### This Week

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Pastoral Search Committee

### Next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Second Sunday of Advent  
9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration with Communion  
Rev. Scott Nellis, preaching  
Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill  
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

### Coming Events

Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch  
Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Church Council

### Christ's Body in Action

#### **Church caretakers:**

This week: Roger & Judy Linden  
Next Week: Lucas & Cassie Hill

#### **Pray for:**

*Military personnel: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski  
Area Public Safety personnel*