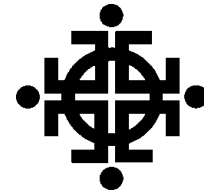


Notes:



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

December 11, 2022

9:30am

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Our mouths are filled with laughter;
with our tongue we shout for you.

You have done great things for us, O God.

We come before you with gladness and rejoicing.

Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle

Audrey Branstrom and Bill King

Hymn #122

"O Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson

Isaiah 35

(Pew Bible pg. 545)

Second Lesson

Matthew 11: 2-11

(Pew Bible pg. 745)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology #48

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

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Morning Prayer**

Hymn #36

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”

Message

“Really”
Genesis 18
Dan Triestman

Hymn #157

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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: Roger Linden

Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

** 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.

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

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

This Week

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Church Council
Friday, Bell Ringing at Super One South

Next Sunday, December 18th

Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration
Pastor Paul Johnston preaching
Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Coming Events

Tuesday, December 20th 9:30 a.m. Project Day
Saturday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers

Christ's Body in Action

Church caretakers:

This week: Barb Knapper

Next Week: Roger & Gail Johnston

Pray for:

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