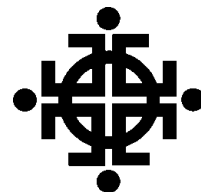


Notes:



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 18, 2022

9:30am

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Something is happening that never happened before

Are we ready?.

All our lives have prepared us for this moment.

Are we ready?

God who comes to us in Jesus Christ is coming to us now.

Are we ready?

"Let every heart prepare him room."

Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle

Bob & Mary Nelson

Hymn #126

"Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

(Pew Bible pg. 446)

Second Lesson Matthew 1: 18-25

(Pew Bible pg. 737)

Silence for Reflection

*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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Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Offering for Covenant Kids Congo

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer**

Hymn #143

“Wait for the Lord”

Message

“ A Son is Given“
John 3:16-21
Paul Johnston

Hymn #173

“Good Christians All, Rejoice”

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: Roger Linden

Scripture Reader: Gail Johnston

Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen

** 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.

At our Christmas Eve Vespers Service, we will receive an offering for FREE, the Covenant program for combating human trafficking

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

This Week

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers

Mike Hannay, preaching

Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

Wednesday, December 21st 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Next Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Worship Celebration

Mike Hannay Preaching

Usher: Shirley Koski

Coming Events

Tuesday December 27th, 1:00 p.m. Salvation Army

Caretakers this week: Roger & Gail Johnston

Caretakers next week: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen & Audrey Branstrom

Pray for:

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski,

Area Public Service personnel