Notes:

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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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 25, 2022

9:30am

Christmas Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth **We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!**

A child has been born for us,

a son given to us!

Authority rests upon his shoulder.

He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

Hymn #187

"Our Day of Joy Is Here Again"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Jeremiah 23: 5-6 (Pew Bible pg. 598) Second Lesson John 1: 1-14 (Pew Bible pg. 809)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer**

Favorite Christmas Carols

Message

" Good News to Nobody" Matthew 2: 1-18 Mike Hannay

Hymn #166

"Joy Bells Are Ringing"

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: Brian Hill Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

Today

10:30 We will not be having coffee and conversation following the service

This Week

Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Salvation Army

Next Sunday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration with Communion Linda Freeman preaching10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation11:00 a.m. Discussion of Sermon

Coming Events

Tuesday, January 3rd, 12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch at Saigon Café Wednesday, January 11th 6:30 p.m. Church Council

Caretakers this week: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen &

Audrey Branstrom

Caretakers next week: Shirley Koski & Barb Knapper

Pray for:

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski, Area Public Service personnel.

^{**} 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.