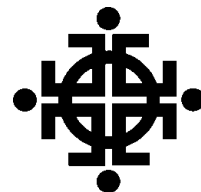


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# First Covenant Church

*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 4, 2022

9:30am

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Watch! Wait!

The news is still fresh!

**The messenger is coming**

He will bring with him the covenant in which we delight.

**The valley shall be filled, mountains and hills leveled;**

what is crooked shall be straightened up

**And rough places made smooth.**

Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle

Lucas & Cassie Hill

Hymn #140

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring!"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson

Romans 15: 4-13

(Pew Bible pg. 867)

Second Lesson

Matthew 3: 1-12

(Pew Bible pg. 738)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

*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 #433

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Message

“Ancestry Hope”  
Matthew 1: 1-17  
Scott Nellis

Holy Communion

Hymn #141

“Come, Lord Jesus”

Partaking of the Bread and the Cup

Hymn # 179

“O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful”

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: Julie Phaneuf-Hill

Scripture Reader: Wayne Christiansen

Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

\*\* 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

### Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation

Please join us for coffee and cake as we celebrate Audrey's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

### This Week

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m., Ladies Lunch at Saigon Cafe

### Next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration with Communion

Pastor Dan Triestman, preaching

Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

### **Coming Events**

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Church Council

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, Bell-Ringing at Super One South

### Christ's Body in Action

#### **Church caretakers:**

This week: Lucas & Cassie Hill

Next Week: Volunteers needed

#### **Pray for:**

*Military personnel:* Sarah Skogman, Grace Koski

*Area Public Safety personnel*