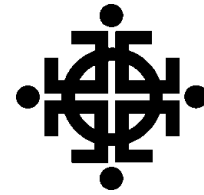


Notes:



# 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

March 12, 2023

9:30am

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

"The landscape of worship; the expanse of it knows no bounds  
**In the days and weeks of Lent, God move us to worship with exploring spirits.**

We enter this season as though exploring a wilderness place; there are subtle movements around about us, soft sounds new to our hearing, rugged stretches testing our strength.

**In the company of one another, may we perceive the Spirit's movement, hear the calls of faith, and grow strong in accepting the guidance of God."**

\*Hymn #219

"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Psalm 32

(Pew Bible pg. 419)

Second Lesson Matthew 4: 1-11

(Pew Bible pg.739)

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 Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn # 420

“Teach Me Your Way, Lord”

Message

“Too Much Baloney”  
Pastor Randy Swenson

\*Hymn #73 in the Silver hymnal

“Restore In Us, O God”

\*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, give you peace.

\*Congregation stand

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Roger Linden  
Scripture Reader: Andrew Babbini  
Ushers: Shirley Koski

March is Food Shelf Month. There will be a box at the top of the stairs in the front entry in which you may place non-perishable items or cash donations. Checks should be made out to Quad City Food Shelf.

## Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

Andy Stanley Video “Why Easter Matters?”

## Next Sunday, March 19th

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Pastor Scott Nellis Swenson preaching

Ushers: Roger & Judy Linden

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

Andy Stanley Video “Why Easter Matters?”

## Coming Events

**Caretakers this week:** Linda Skogman/Russ & Stephanie Carlson

**Caretakers next week:** Brian & Julie Hill

## Pray for:

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