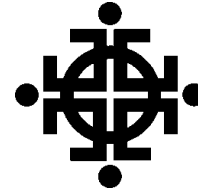


Notes:



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

April 2, 2023

9:30am

Palm Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

"Humble and riding on a donkey,

We greet you;

Acclaimed by crowds and carolled by children,

We cheer you;

Moving from the peace of the country side to the corridors of power,

We salute you: Christ our Lord.

You are giving the beast of burden,

A new dignity;

You are giving majesty,

A new face;

You are giving those who long for redemption,

A new song to sing;

With them, with heart and voice, we shout:

Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

*Hymn #228

"Hosanna, Loud Hosana"

Opening Prayer

*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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Reading of God's Word

First Lesson Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (Pew Bible pg. 466)
Second Lesson Matthew 21 : 1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 754)

Silence for Reflection

Giving of our Tithes and Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #227 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Message "Everyone Loves a Parade"
Pastor Rebecca LeMenager

Celebration of Communion

*Hymn #122 "Oh Zion, Acclaim Your Redeemer"

*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: Julie Phaneuf-Hill
Scripture Reader: Cassie Hill
Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

Today

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation
11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education
Final Andy Stanley Video #4 "Why Easter Matters?"

This Week

No Ladies Lunch on Tuesday
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 9

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration/Communion
Preaching – Pastor Scott Nellis
Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston
10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to bring an Easter lily or other flower for Easter Sunday, please bring it to the church by the Saturday before Easter. Let Gail know who the flowers are in memory of by Friday so we can list them in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Coming Events

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee

Caretakers this week: Mike & Kathy Hannay

Caretakers next week: Roger & Judy Linden

Pray for:

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