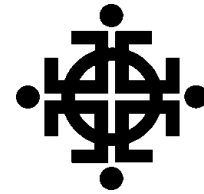


Notes:



# 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

October 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

from Psalm 106

Praise the Lord.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His love endures forever.**

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord  
or fully declare his praise?

**Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel**

**From everlasting to everlasting.**

Let all the people say, "Amen!"

**Praise the Lord.**

Hymn #23

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson:           Philippians 4:1-9

(Pew Bible pg. 895)

Second Lesson:       Matthew 22: 1-14

(Pew Bible pg. 756)

*The mission of First Covenant Church is to WORSHIP God,  
EQUIP people to live in faith,  
SHARE God's love,  
SERVE the community around us.*

Giving of our Tithes and Offering/Covenant Kids Congo Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #242

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Message

"The Heavens Declare"

Ric Daly

Hymn # 58

"I Sing the Mighty Power of 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

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Worship Leader: Wayne Christiansen

Ushers: Brian & Julie Hill

Scripture Reader: Gail Johnston

We welcome to the pulpit today, Ric Daly, who retired from the Eveleth school district after teaching science for over 40 years. He is also an author, having written about the relationship between science and religion.

### Today

10:30 a.m., Coffee and Conversation

11:00 a.m. Ric Daly will be available for a time of questions and answers.

### This Week

Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9:30a.m. Project Day

### Next Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration

Linda Freeman preaching

Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education: "The God of..."

### Coming Events

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:45 p.m. Salvation Army

**Caretakers this week:** Jeffrey & Heather Jones

**Caretakers next week:** Mike & Kathy Hannay

### **Pray for:**

Randy Bevis, Covenant missionary working with fish ponds`

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman & Grace Koski

Area public service personnel