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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.



# 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 10, 2023 9:30 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 85:8-9

Let us hear what God the Lord will speak,

for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful. to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Surely, his salvation is at hand for those who fear him that his glory may dwell in our land.

Hymn #184

"God's Love Made Visible"

**Opening Prayer** 

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a (Pew Bible pg. 926) Second Lesson: Mark 1 : 1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 764)

Giving of our Tithes and Offering Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #363 "Shine on Me"

Message "The Light of the World

Pastor Roger Johnson

Hymn #367 "I Want

"I Want to Walk As a Child of Light"

\*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.

Postlude

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Worship Leader: Roger Linden

Advent Readers: Jeffrey & Heather Jones

Scripture Reader: Shirley Koski Ushers: Roger & Gail Johnston

#### **Today**

10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

#### **This Week**

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting

#### **Next Sunday**

9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Pastor Scott Nellis preaching Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 11:00 a.m. Adult Christian Education

### **Coming Events**

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Christmas Smorgasbord
Please sign up today Sunday in order for us to plan seating and food.
Call Bernie(218-749-1366) with any cancellations or additions. We ask for a donation of \$7.00 to cover expenses of the evening.

Please sign up for food items. Women are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies. You may invite guests but please add any names no later than today.

We are short of workers so ask those who are able to help with clean-up after the program

Caretakers this week: Brian & Julie Hill

Caretakers next week: Jeffrey & Heather Jones

Pray for:

Julio & Katie Isaza, Covenant missionaries to Colombia

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman & Grace Koski, Brandon Max

Area public service personnel