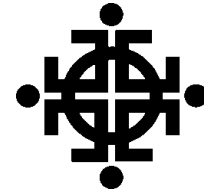


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# First Covenant Church

*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 17, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Watch! Wait! The day of God is at hand!

**Like the bud on a tree, God's promises are about to blossom!**

Stay awake! The ring of God is very near!

**We are here, watching and waiting with hope.**

Hymn #187

"Our Day of Joy is Here Again"

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

Opening Prayer

Reading of God's Word

First Lesson: Psalm 126 (Pew Bible pg. 472)

Second Lesson: John 1 : 6-8, 19-26 (Pew Bible pg. 809)

Giving of our Tithes and Offering/Congo Kids Offering

Doxology #48

Morning Prayer

Hymn #169

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

*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.*

Message                    "Have a Mary Christmas"                    Luke 1: 26-38  
  
Pastor Scott Ellis

Hymn #154                    "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

\*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: Wayne Christiansen  
Advent Readers: Andrew & Evelyn Babbini  
Scripture Reader: Cassie & Christian Hill  
Ushers: Wayne & Bernie Christiansen

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

**Next Sunday**  
9:30 a.m. Worship Celebration  
Mike Hannay preaching  
Ushers: Bob & Mary Nelson  
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Vespers  
Usher: Shirley Koski

**Coming Events**  
Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Service at Waterview Pines

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

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

**Pray for:**

Peter & Anna Kim, Covenant missionaries to Taiwan

Military personnel: Sarah Skogman & Grace Koski, Brandon Max

Area public service personnel